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WITH THE BLOOD OF A SHINIGAMI
COURSING THROUGH HIS VEINS,

ONE YOUNG MAN
SEEKS ULTIMATE ORDER.

ANOTHER YOUNG MAN
SEEKS ULTIMATE POWER
AS THE PATH TO BECOMING A WARRIOR
GOD STRETCHES BEFORE HIM.

CHAPTER 77: SALVAGE (PART 6)

SOUL EATER

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WATER ?

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BUKUKU (BURBLE)

GOBOBOBOBO (GLUBLUB)
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WHAT'S WITH US BEING UNDERWATER? BUT I CAN BREATHE, SO... I GUESS IT'S NO PROBLEM...

YO, KID!! USUALLY I DON'T EVEN READ BOOKS, BUT I CAME ALL THE WAY DOWN INTO THIS ONE TO SAVE YOUR ASS...

SO HOW ABOUT WE GET THE HELL OUTTA HERE...?

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GOBOGO

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YOU ARE TOO BIG...

LOOKS LIKE YOU AIN'T GONNA COME QUIETLY, HUH...

IT'S LIKE HE'S HARDLY EVEN BREATH-ING...

...BUT THAT'S NOT REALLY WHAT WE'RE ABOUT, KID.

...WELLLLL, THAT'S THE SORTA THING THEY'LL TELL YOU...

YES, FATHER.

WE ARE THE ABSOLUTE AUTHORITIES ON MAINTAINING ORDER.

...WE PRESIDE OVER PEOPLE'S LIVES AND DEATHS.

WE'RE ABOUT BALANCE, RIGHT!!?

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THAT GUY'S SO FAR OUT OF OUR LEAGUE, WE COULDN'T EVEN BEGIN TO COMPETE...

YEAH, AND I HEARD HE'S, LIKE, CRAZY TALENTED...

SEE THAT GUY OVER THERE? APPARENTLY HE'S SHINIGAMI-SAMA'S SON...

WHEN ALL'S SAID AND DONE, I'M GONNA BE THE ONE STANDIN' ON TOP!!

YOU GOT THAT!?

'COS I'M THE ALMIGHTY BADASS THAT'S GONNA TRANSCEND THE GODS!!

YO, KID!!

YOU MAY BE THE SON OF A GOD OR WHATEVER, BUT I DON'T CARE.

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WHAT AN IDIOT.

HMPH.

YOU JUST LAUGHED AT ME!! YOU MAKIN' FUN OF ME!!? WELL, YOUR DAYS OF SITTIN' BACK AND LAUGHIN' AT PEOPLE ARE OVER!!

HANH!? YOU!!

"TRAN-SCEND THE GODS," HUH...? INTER-ESTING GUY...

HEH.

IF IT'S A FIGHT YOU WANT, I'M RIGHT HERE. ANYTIME, FRIEND!!

AS IF I'D TROUBLE MYSELF TO MAKE FUN OF YOU.

I AM ABOUT TO CREATE NOTHINGNESS. YOU ARE TOO LARGE TO BE A PART OF MY NOTHINGNESS.

YOU WILL HAVE TO BE SNUFFED OUT.

EVEN WITH YOUR HEAD ALL SCREWED UP, YOU STILL FACE ME DOWN LIKE A MAN TO BE FACED DOWN. YOU ALWAYS HAVE.

?

OH, IS THAT ALL.

WELL, THAT'S A RELIEF.

BUT NOT YOU— IT WAS YOU WHO TOOK ME MOST SERIOUSLY, EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE THE GOD I WANTED TO TRANSCEND. HELL, YOU WERE THE ONE WHO MADE ME WANT TO TRANSCEND THE GODS IN THE FIRST PLACE.

EVERYONE ELSE ALWAYS LAUGHED AT ME WHEN I SAID I WAS GONNA TRANSCEND THE GODS. MOST OF 'EM JUST ROLLED THEIR EYES AND IGNORED ME. NO ONE TOOK ME SERIOUSLY...

YEAH ...?

THAT SO?

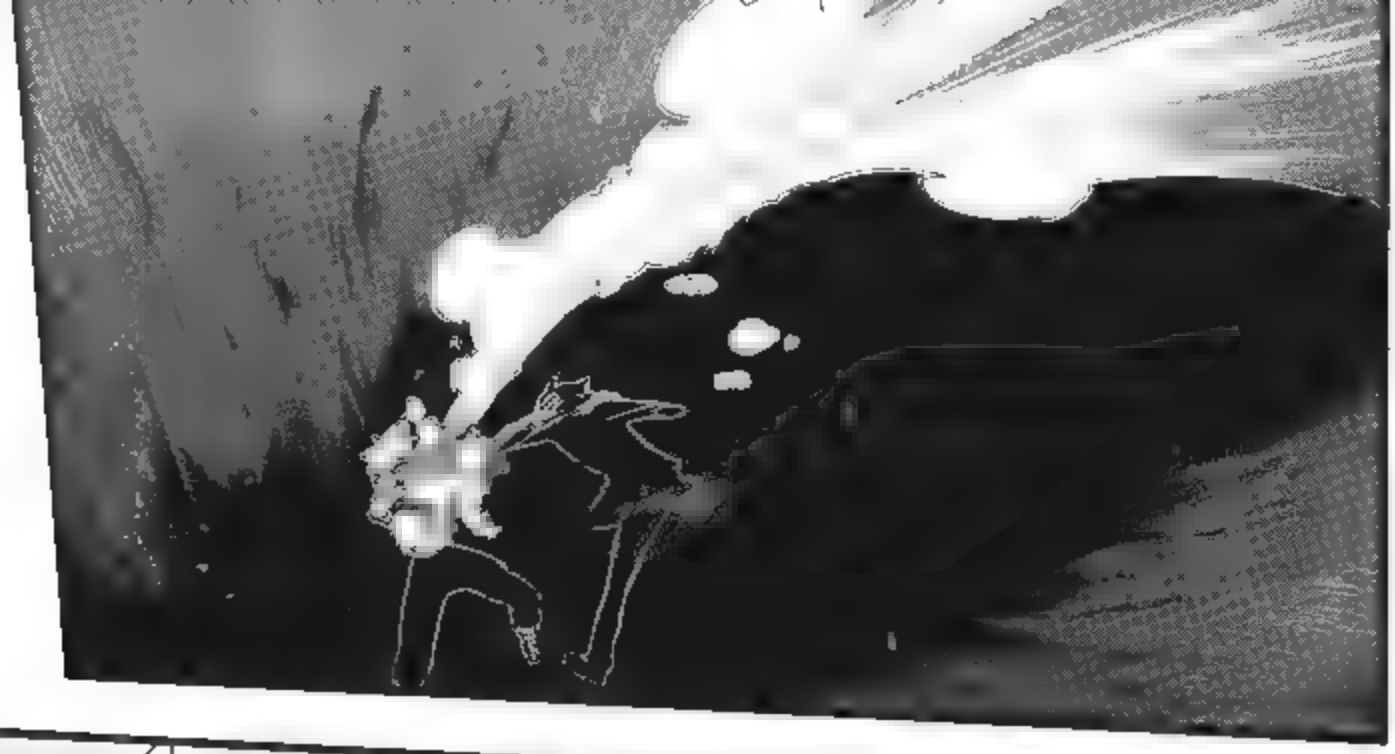
YOUR WORDS ARE BUT AN ANNOYANCE TO ME IN THIS PLACE.

WELL, I AM GONNA TRAN-SCEND THE GODS!!

ME, THE BADDEST BADASS THERE IS!!

YOU DISGUST ME!!

GOAOA BLURBLE



BOSH
(BWOOSH)

WHOA!!
GUBOBOBO

OKAY. I CAN BREATHE I CAN HOVER IN ONE SPOT... BUT IT'S WHEN I TRY TO MOVE THAT IT ACTUALLY FEELS LIKE I'M UNDERWATER...

!!
THIS AIN'T GONNA BE EASY.

HOW ABOUT SOME-THIN' LIKE THIS?
ALL RIGHT ...

SOUL MEN-ACE!!

BO (FWOOSH)

WHOA!! THAT WAS AWESOME!! IT'S LIKE SHOOTIN' LASERS OUT OF MY HAND!

WATER CONDUCTS SOUL WAVELENGTH ENERGY BETTER THAN AIR...?

WAIT A SEC... I DIDN'T COME HERE TO FIGHT KID. I CAME HERE TO BRING HIM BACK HOME WITH ME...

!!

WHAT THE...? WHO...?

!!

BISH (IZ CAP)

GET OUT OF HERE!! DON'T INTER-FERE!!

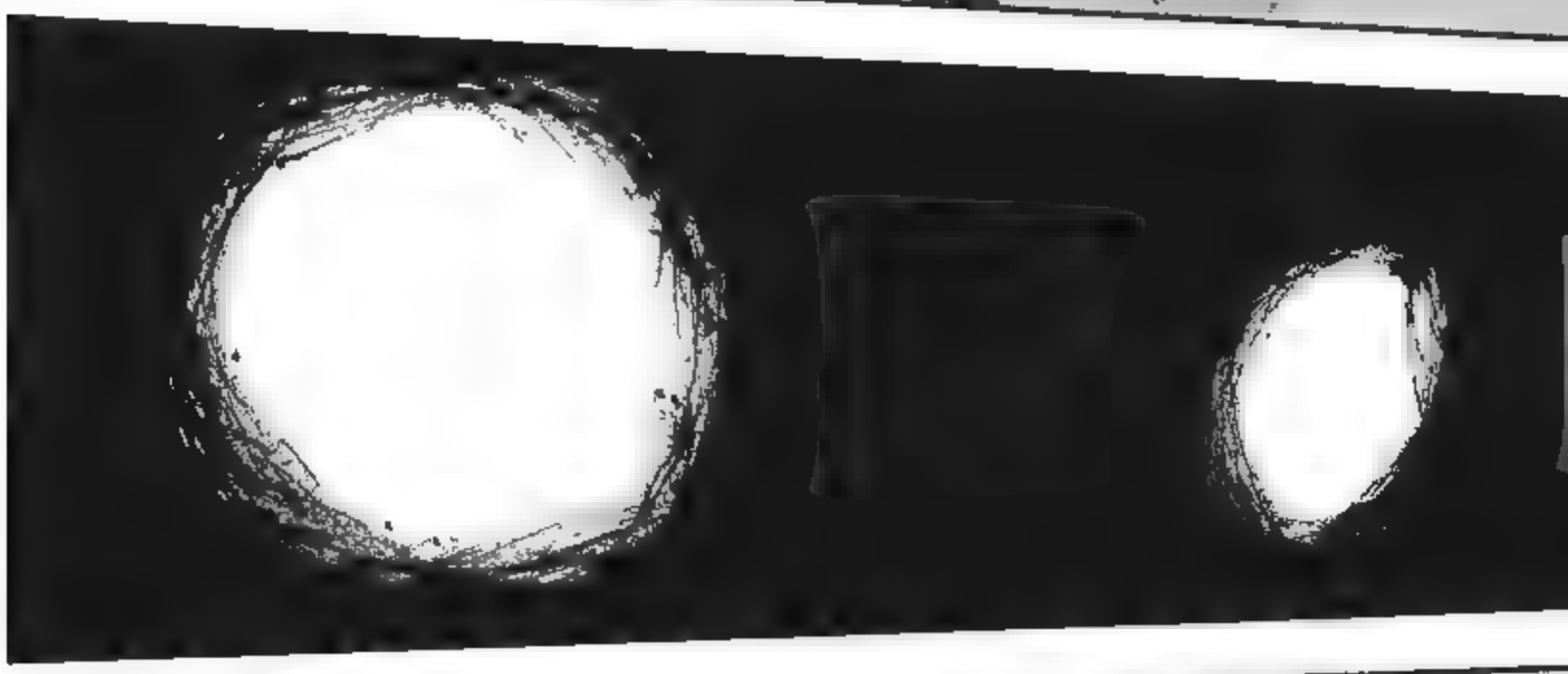
WHAT ?

YOU— WHAT IS THE NATURE OF THE POWER YOU SEEK?

I GRANT POWER IMPAR-TIALLY! TO WHOM EVER I CHOOSE!

...I CAN'T... MOVE...

...I...



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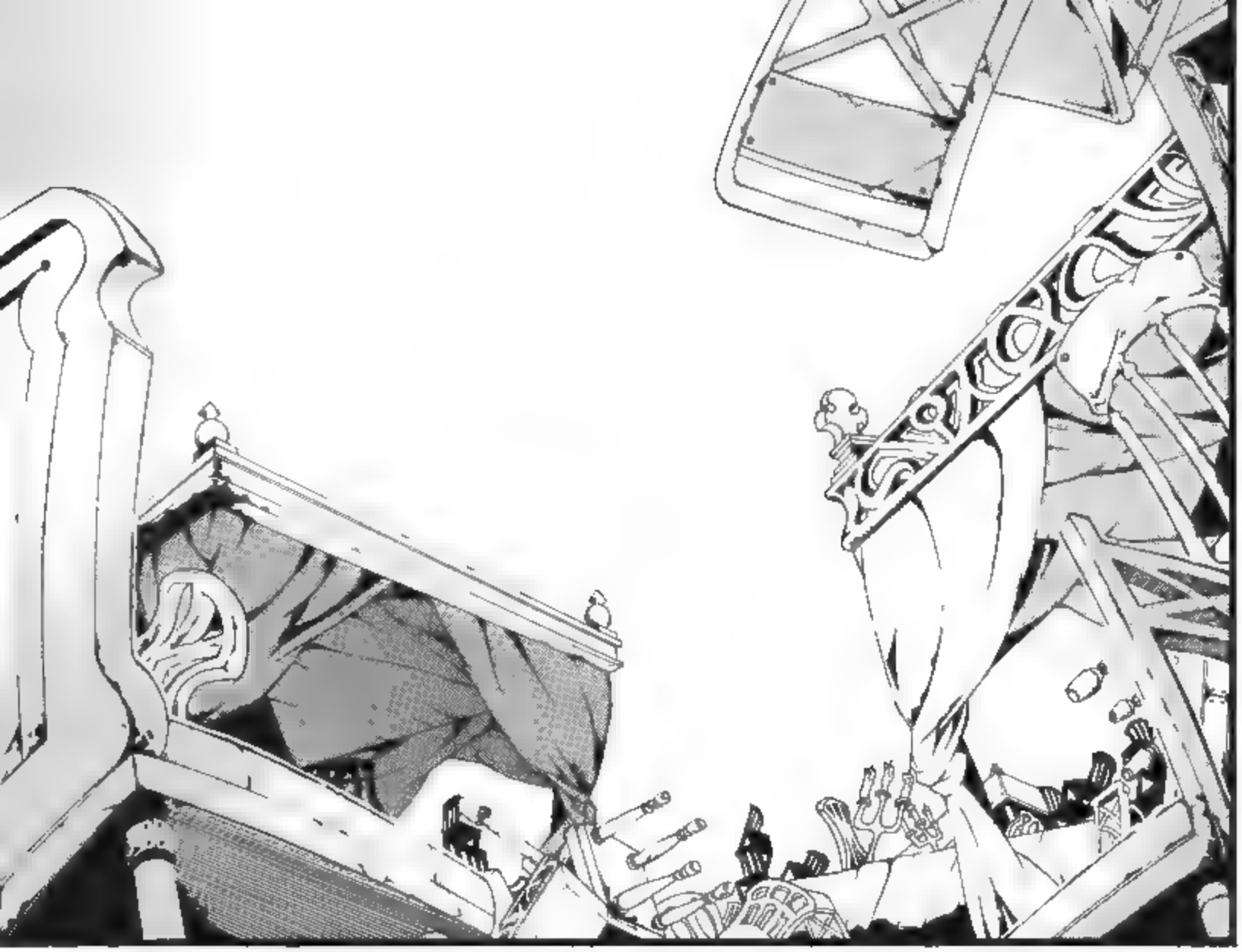

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HYAH...
HYAH
HYAH
HYAH...

AND FOR A SHORT-TEMPERED GUY LIKE ME, THAT'S A FRIGGIN' LONG TIME TO BE WAITIN'... AN ETERNITY...

BUT I COULD DO THE TIME 'COS ARACHNE WAS THERE. SHE WAS THE ONLY THING THAT GOT ME THROUGH...

I FINALLY FOUND IT... A PLACE TO POUR THIS 800 DAMN YEARS' WORTH OF MURDEROUS RAGE INTO.

I'D BEEN WAITIN' SO DAMN LONG, CHANGIN' BODIES OVER AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN... WAITIN'...

WELL, THANKS, 'COS I COULDN'T HAVE ASKED FOR A BETTER TARGET FOR MY 800 YEARS' WORTH OF MURDEROUS RAGE!!

AND THEN YOU TWO BRATS DESTROYED THAT!

VO (VRWEEN)

NOW YOU'RE GONNA GIVE ME SOME FUN!!

KUH ...!

GYA

GYA (GRRSHK)

BUT THIS AIN'T GONNA BE QUICK AND PAINLESS!! OH NO!! I'M GONNA PLAY WITH YA!! AND TOY WITH YA!! I'M GONNA HAVE MY FUN WITH YA!! AND I'M GONNA KILL YA!! BUT NOT YET...NOT YET!

EVEN WHEN ALL THE VEINS IN MY BODY ARE SWELLIN' LIKE THEY'RE GONNA EXPLODE...!! EVEN WHEN IT FEELS LIKE I CAN'T HOLD IT IN NO LONGER... I'M STILL GONNA HOLD BACK!!

MUKI (POP)

MUKI

GONNA TORTURE YA TILL I CAN'T STAND IT NO LONGER!! I'M GONNA HOLD BACK... EVEN WHEN I'M BATHIN' IN MURDER SOUP...!!

PYURU (SHPLURK)

I GOTTA HOLD IT IN!! GOTTA HOLD IT IN!!

PYURU

OH WAIT, THAT'S RIGHT— I'M A BITCH NOW!! GYAH-HAH!!

CAN'TCHA SEE IT!? CAN'TCHA SEE THE RAGIN' CHAIN SAW HARD-ON I GOT BETWEEN MY LEGS!!?

BUT WE'VE GOT A BIGGER PROB-LEM—

YEAH... I THINK I'VE JUST TAKEN A FEW TOO MANY HITS...

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, MAKA...!?

GIRIKO'S INCRED-IBLE SOUL WAVE-LENGTH...

KYUN (WHMM)

KYUN

KYUN

WHY DON'T YOU SIMPLY LAY OUT THAT SUCKER WITH ANOTHER ROUND OF "SOUL ADAGIO"!?

VOOO (VRRRR)

IT FEELS LIKE I'M BEING RIPPED APART BY THE SOUL WAVE-LENGTH ALONE.

I KNOW, I KNOW!! I'M TRYING...!

I'M GONNA SLICE YA UP AN' CHOP YA INTO MINCEMEAT!! YOU'RE GONNA BE DEAD DEAD DEAD DEAD!!

I'M GONNA MAKE YA SLICK AN' STICKY AN' BLOODY...

ALL RIGHT, YOU BAS-TARD!! COME AND GET IT!!

MAKA!! SOUL PERCEP-TION!!

ON IT!!

!!

KNNGH!!

WH-WHAT THE ...!!?

UWAH!!

BO (BOOM)

AHHH... MY EARS...

SOUL!!

!?

SHIT. IT'S NOT GOING TO WORK... THAT SOUND IS WAY LOUDER THAN WHAT I CAN GET OUT OF THE PIANO.

THERE AIN'T NOTHIN' AND NO ONE THAT CAN STOP ME NOW!! I AIN'T GONNA LET NO ONE STOP ME!!

VON (VRRRMM)

VON

GYA
CGRRSHK.

GYA

GYA

CHUIII
(VWEEEEN)

ZUZAZAZA
(SSSK!D)

WITCH-HUNT SLASH!!

YOU DIDN'T THINK YOU COULD STOP 800 YEARS' OF MURDEROUS RAGE WITH THAT PISSY LITTLE MOVE, DID YA...?

DO (THWOOM)

GATA (SLUMP)

THIS IS BAD...

MAKA !!

I CAN'T LIFT MY ARMS... I CAN'T STAND... I'M GOING TO BE KILLED...

GUJI (KRNCH)

HAD ENOUGH NOW, HUH? I CAN DO YA NOW, HUH? YA WANT IT NOW? HUH?

I BEEN HAVIN' SO MUCH FUN TEASIN' YA, I'M ALMOST STARTIN' TO THINK I LOVE YA...

BUT I CAN'T HOLD IT IN...I CAN FEEL MYSELF AT MY LIMIT NOW... I THINK I'VE HAD PLENTY OF FUN...

HUFF! HUFF! HUFF! HUFF!

...BUT IT'LL GO AWAY IF I TRY TO HOLD IT IN ANY MORE THAN I HAVE...

THEN ALL THIS PLEASURE WILL JUST TURN INTO PAIN...

SO I'M GONNA KILL YA NOW..I'M GONNA KILL YA... I DON'T HAFTA HOLD IT IN NO MORE...

AAAH... AH...

AWWW... JUST FOURTEEN OR FIFTEEN YEARS OLD, AND HER PRETTY LITTLE TEENAGE BODY IS ALL CUT UP...

YOU'RE TELLIN' ME THIS IS THE BRAT THAT KILLED ARACHNE AND GOBBLED UP HER SOUL...!? PISSES ME OFF...

I'M TRYIN' TO THINK HERE, TRYIN' TO THINK WHAT'LL BE THE BEST WAY TO FINISH HER OFF!! WHAT'S GONNA FEEL GOOD!!

YA LITTLE SHIT!! WHADDAYA BUTTIN' IN FOR!!? WE'RE DOIN' THIS GIRL ON GIRL!!

SO GET YOUR LITTLE PRICK OUTTA HERE, DICKHEAD!! WE DON'T NEED TO HEAR NO OPINONS FROM THE PENIS GALLERY!

DON CHHAND

NOW HOW AM I GONNA KILL YA..... WITH MY HANDS WRAPPED AROUND YOUR NECK? MMM... YEAH...I JUST KNOW THAT'S GONNA FEEL BEST.....

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O-KAY! THAT SETTLES IT!

WHAT THE ...? IT LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING'S GOING WRONG WITH THAT NEW BODY?

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NNGH
...

HHHHH (WEEE)

IT'S...IT'S ALL THE BLOODLUST... ALL THAT MADNESS... IT'S DOING SOMETHING TO GIRIKO'S SOUL...

SH... SHIT ...!

WHA... WHAT'S HAP-PENIN' TO ME...!?

IT'S YOUR 800 YEARS' OF MURDEROUS RAGE— YOUR SOUL CAN'T TAKE IT ANY-MORE...!

UNH !??

WHAT !?

DON'T FUCK WITH ME!

YOU GOTTA BE KIDDIN' ME.. GOD-DAMN... NO WAY ..

THE CONTAINER ITSELF IS TOO SMALL TO CRAM ALL THAT MURDER-OUS SOUL WAVE-LENGTH INTO...

IT'S TRUE— IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU RENEWED YOUR BODY AND YOUR SOUL.

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I JUST HAVE TO KILL YOU...

I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THAT...

BUT ALL I GOTTA DO IS KILL YOU...

I'LL KILL YOU!!

'CUZ THE MORE I THINK ABOUT KILLIN' YA, THE MORE I GOT KILLIN' YA FIXED IN MY DAMN MIND!!

NO SHIT, I'M THINKIN' ABOUT KILLIN' YA!!

THE MORE YOU THINK ABOUT KILLING ME, THE WORSE IT WILL GET. ALL THAT MURDEROUS RAGE IS STRAINING YOUR SOUL SO MUCH IT'S GOING TO BURST...!

BU (SHPLURT)

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GHAH!!

THIS IS THE SLOTH CHAPTER, SO...

...THERE ARE CHAIRS ALL AROUND US THAT YOU COULD REST ON...

YOU NEED TO GIVE UP ON THIS WHOLE OBSESSION WITH KILLING ME...

SKK

YA THINK I'M GONNA SLACK OFF LIKE THAT AGAIN, YOU GOT ANOTHER THING COMIN', GIRLIE.

WHILE YOU TWO ASSHOLES WERE BUTCHERIN' ARACHNE, I WAS SLEEPIN' IN MY ROOM LIKE A GODDAMN IDIOT...

YA TELLIN' ME YOU WANT ME TO SLACK OFF AGAIN?

SLOTH?

AND NOW THAT I'M ALL WORKED UP AN' READY TO KILL YA, MY SOUL'S HAVIN' A BLOWOUT...? YA GOTTA BE KIDDIN' ME...

AFTER I WAS SO GOOD AN' HELD BACK THE WHOLE TIME...

CAN'T BELIEVE THIS IS HAPPENING...

IF KILLIN' YOU IS THE LAST THING I DO, THAT'S FINE...

I JUST WANNA DO YOU...

BU (SHPLURT)

BU

BU

BU

BU

BU

AFTER I BROUGHT YOU TO YOUR GODDAMN KNEES!!?

NO! I AM KILLING YOU, BITCH!!

JUST GOTTA LAND ONE MORE BLOW, AND YOU'RE DEAD!!

JUST ONCE... JUST ONE HIT...

ZURI

JUST LEMME DO YA...

ZURI (STAGGER)

I'LL KILL YA...

I EVEN PUT MYSELF IN A PAIR OF TITS JUST TO GET THIS FAR...

I'LL KILL YA...

KILL YA...

YOU JUST SHUT UP...

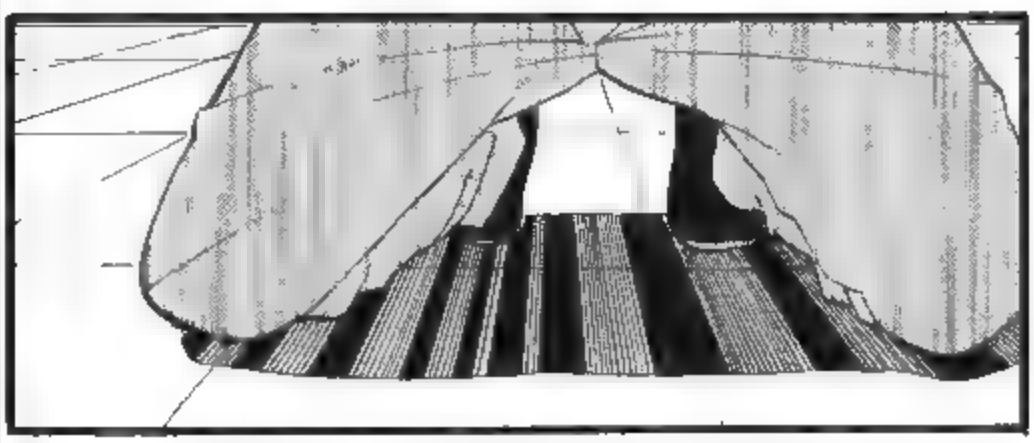
I'LL KILL YA

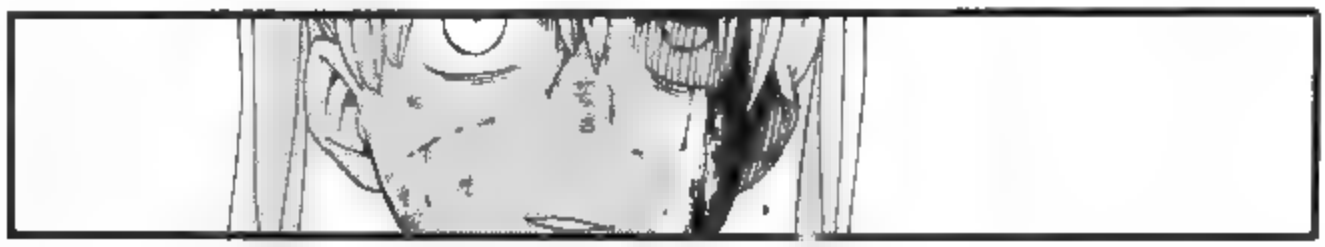
IF YOU PUSH YOURSELF TO KILL ME, YOUR SOUL COULD—

I THINK YOU SHOULD GIVE IT A REST...

IT'LL HOLD !!

PAN
(POP)





HA HA!

AND WITH THAT, IT EX-PLODED.

SOUL EATER

WHAT IS THE NATURE OF THE POWER YOU SEEK?

WHY, YOU... SO YOU'RE TRYING TO DRAW BLACK STAR INTO THE MADNESS TOO...?

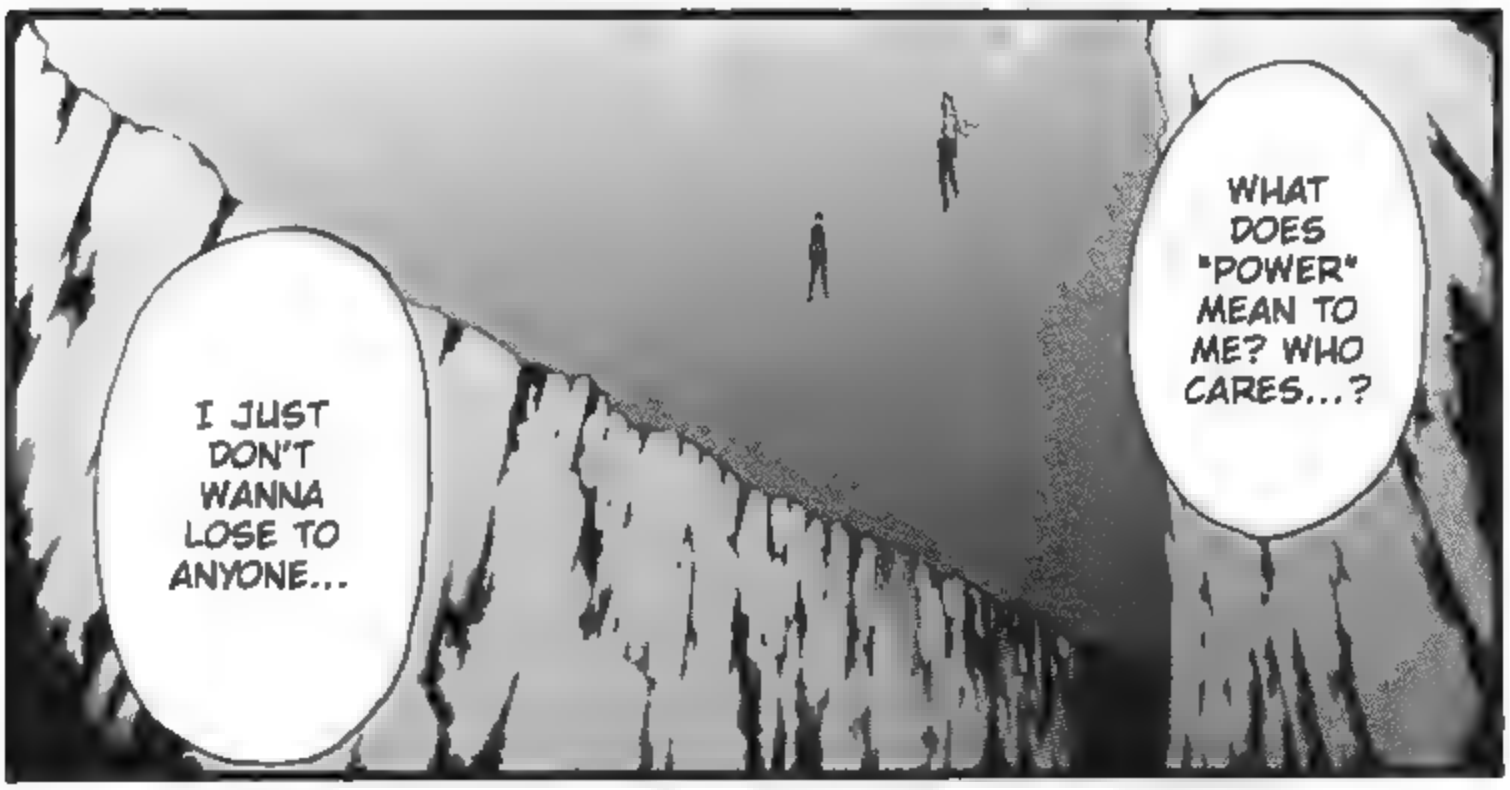
THE POWER ...

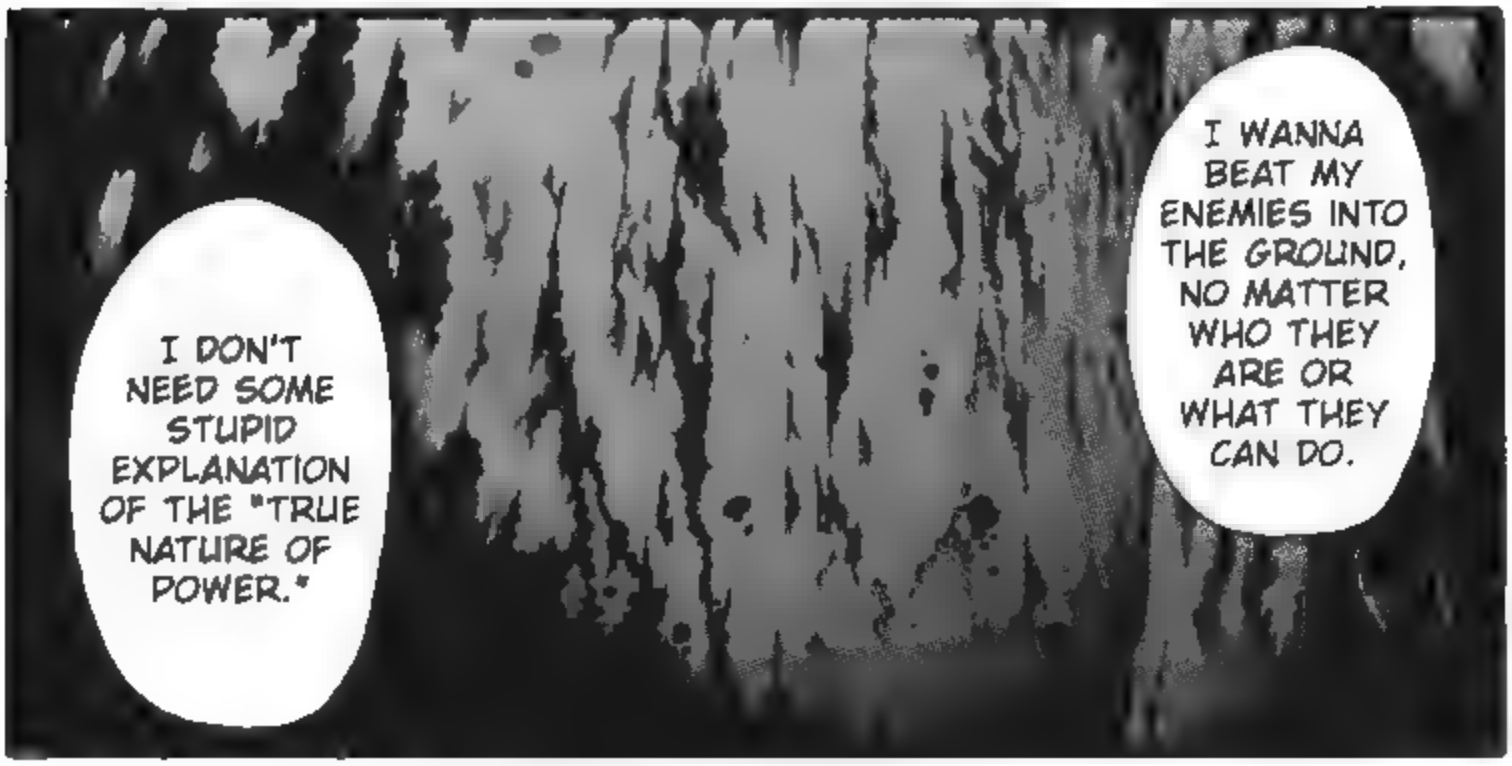
...I SEEK ...

SOUL EATER

CHAPTER 78: SALVAGE (PART 7)

THIS KINDA STUPID CRAP IS THE REASON I HATE BOOKS.
WHAT THE HELL...? WHAT A DUMB QUESTION.


I JUST DON'T WANNA LOSE TO ANYONE...
WHAT DOES "POWER" MEAN TO ME? WHO CARES...?


I DON'T NEED SOME STUPID EXPLANATION OF THE "TRUE NATURE OF POWER."
I WANNA BEAT MY ENEMIES INTO THE GROUND, NO MATTER WHO THEY ARE OR WHAT THEY CAN DO.

TO ME, POWER IS POWER.

GOBA (BWOOSH)

AND I DON'T CARE IF MY OPPO-NENT'S A GOD OR NOT!!

HMPH. WHAT A SIMPLETON YOU ARE...

WHAT, YOU NEVER HEARD THE SAYING "SIMPLE IS BIG," JERKOFF?

I'LL BEAT DOWN ANYONE AND ANY-THING!!

HYA HA!!

BOSH (BLOOSH)

IT'S NOT "BIG," YOU IDIOT— IT'S "SIMPLE IS BEST"!

DO (THWACK)

HUH!?

WHAT WAS THAT...?

I WILL MERGE EVERYTHING INTO THE BORDER-LESS, TRANSSYM-METRICAL UNITY OF NOTHING-NESS.

"BIG," "BEST"... SOON NONE OF THAT WILL MATTER ANYWAY.

DON'T LUMP ME IN WITH YOU!!

THAT'S BASICALLY THE SAME AS WHAT I'M DOIN'.

...WHEN YOUR WHOLE IDEA'S JUST MAKIN' EVERYTHING INTO NOTHING

YOU GOT SOME NERVE CALLIN' ME A SIMPLETON...

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BO

BO

BO (BAM)

YES, IT DOES!!

NO, IT DOESN'T!

IF THE END RESULT'S THE SAME, HOW YOU GET THERE DOESN'T COUNT FOR JACK.

I HAVE ORDER. IT IS NOTHING LIKE YOUR SLOPPY, HAPHAZARD NOTION OF POWER.

DEATH GOD TAIJUTSU: "MAD CRIME" STANCE

DOZUN (KATHOOM)

GUI (YANK)

GOBOBOL (BLRRRBLE)

GOSU (WHAM)

ZUPAN (THWACK)

WHAT YOU CALL "POWER" COULD NEVER MATCH THE POWER TO TURN EVERY-THING INTO NOTHING-NESS.

SO FINE, "SYMMETRY" I CAN DEAL WITH. BUT "NOTHINGNESS"? I GOTTA SAY, I DON'T LIKE IT ONE BIT, BRO.

JUST WHEN I GET USED TO ALL YOUR "SYMMETRY" THIS AND "SYMMETRY" THAT, NOW YOU'RE ON THIS "NOTHINGNESS, NOTHINGNESS" KICK...?

BUT WHAT DO YOU FEEL? NOTHING? IS THE EMOTION JUST "NOTHING-NESS" TOO?

YOU USE THIS POWER OF "NOTHING-NESS" TO SEND YOUR OPPONENT BACK TO NOTHING-NESS...

SO AFTER DEFEATING AN OPPONENT, YOU'RE LEFT WITH NO EMOTION WHATSO-EVER?

YEAH... I DON'T LIKE IT ONE BIT.

THAT'S RIGHT...

!!

GOBOBOB (BURBLE)

ASS-HOLE !!

DG THOOM

THAT'S THE SO-CALLED "ULTIMATE POWER" YOU CAME UP WITH!!?

WHAT ABOUT LIZ AND PATTY, HUH? YOU GONNA ERASE THEM TOO!!?

GOBOBOBOBO

SOUNDS MORE TO ME LIKE "ULTIMATE STUPID-ITY"!!

DOGO (KABLOOSH)

GOBO

GOBO

GOBO (GLRBLE)

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KOFF-

AFTER YOU HAVE THE POWER, WHAT'S LEFT FOR YOU THEN...?

AND WHAT ABOUT YOUR PLAN...? YOU'LL TRAMPLE EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING BENEATH YOU AND SEIZE YOUR ULTIMATE POWER... AND THEN WHAT...?

I'LL FIGURE THAT OUT AFTER I'M THE STRONGEST.

SHUT UP. LIKE I KNOW.

WHETHER I AM "GOD MATERIAL" OR NOT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT.

I AM A SHINIGAMI.

RIGHT NOW, YOU SURE AS HELL AIN'T GOD MATERIAL.

BUT... I WILL TELL YOU THIS...

WHAT!? WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY ...?

EXACTLY! THAT'S EXACTLY IT— RIGHT NOW YOU'RE EXCLUSIVELY A GOD.

I THINK THAT'S WHAT'S SO COOL ABOUT YOU.

YOU'RE CAPABLE OF SINKING FROM GOD OF DEATH-MODE TO THE MOST MISERABLE, PATHETIC EXCUSE FOR A HUMAN THERE IS.

I USED MY HEEL TO TAKE YOU DOWN.

I NEVER PUNCHED YOU.

THAT'S RIGHT...AND THE KID I KNEW WAS THE KINDA GUY WHO ACTUALLY CARED ABOUT DETAILS LIKE THAT.

THERE WAS THAT TIME WHEN I WENT A LITTLE CRAZY AND DARED YOU TO ACTUALLY ACT LIKE THE GOD OF DEATH YOU ARE AND KILL ME.

BUT YOU DIDN'T. YOU JUST PUNCHED THE CRAP OUTTA ME AND LET ME LIVE.

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A GOD OF DEATH, RIGHT!?

FINE! THEN KILL ME!!

DOGON (KABAM)

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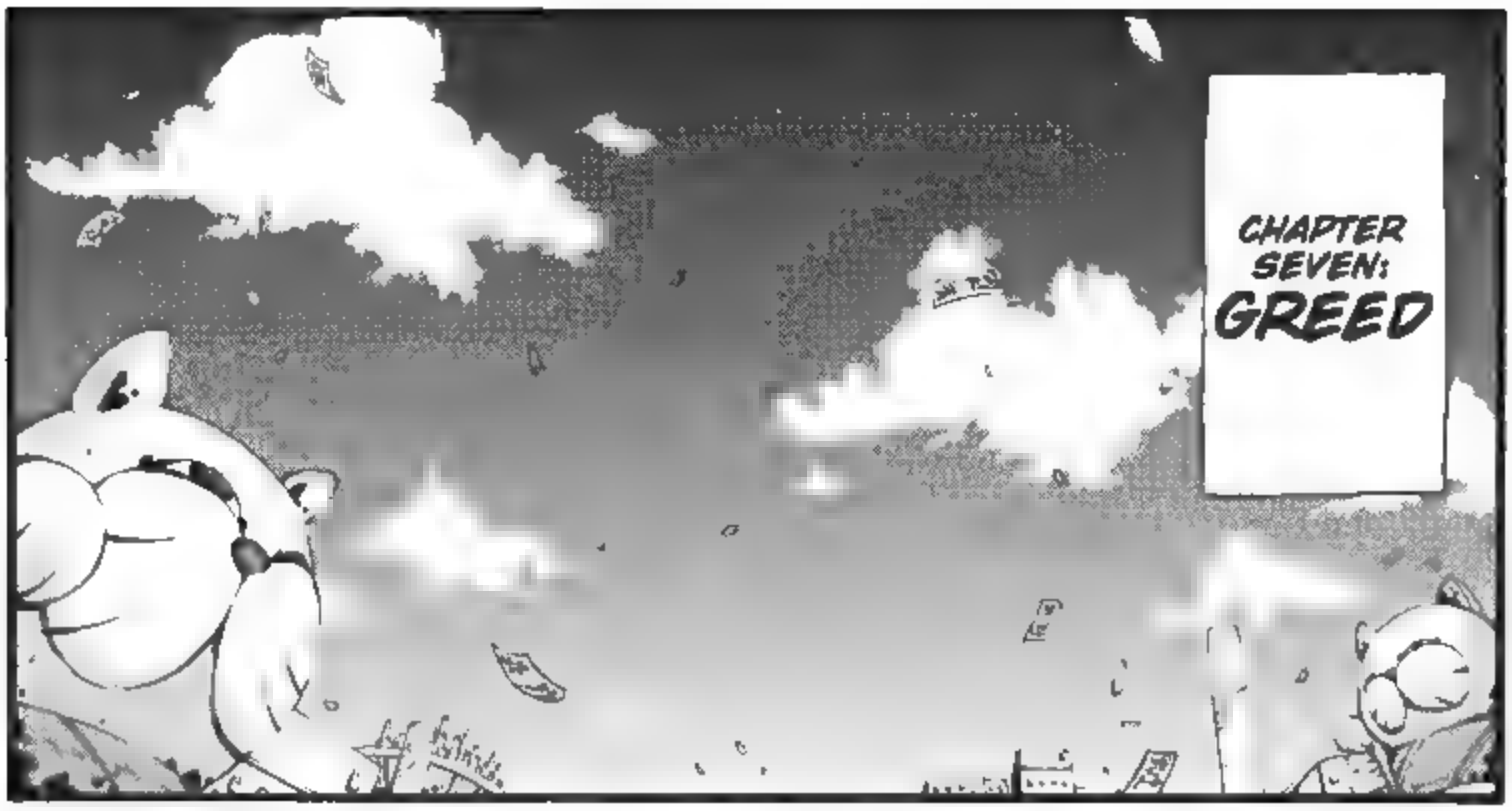
DADDY SHINIGAMI SAID IT HIM-SELF—"A SHINIGAMI PRESIDES OVER PEOPLE'S LIVES AND DEATHS."

...I THINK THE TRUTH IS THAT REAL BALANCE IS JUST TOO MESSY FOR YOU TO DEAL WITH, WHICH IS WHY YOUR SO-CALLED "SOLUTION" IS TO THROW UP YOUR HANDS AND START OVER WITH A CLEAN SLATE.

AND FOR ALL YOUR BIG TALK ABOUT THE "TRANS-SYMMETRICAL UNITY OF NOTHINGNESS" AND ALL THAT...

BUT THAT AIN'T "ULTIMATE" ANYTHING, BRO. THAT AIN'T NOTHIN' AT ALL.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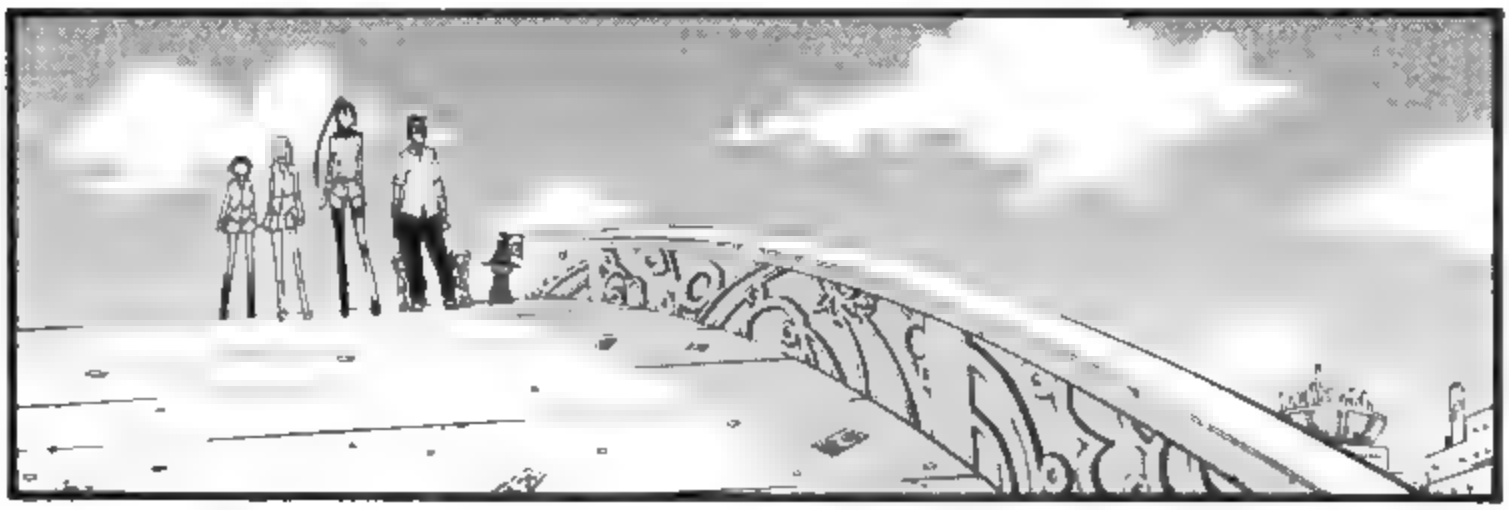


ONEE-CHAN

BLACK STAR... WE'RE COUNT-ING ON YOU TO BRING KID BACK...

I KNOW ...

WE WAS GIVIN' YOU THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT 'CAUSE YOUSE IS GIRLS AND ALL, AND THEN YOUSE TURN AROUND AND DOUBLE-CROSS US!!

HEY, GET BACK HERE, YA DAMN BROADS!!

RUN FOR IT, PATTY! IF THEY CATCH US, IT'S GONNA BE REAL BAD THIS TIME!

HAAH!

HAAH!

NEW YORK

YOU SAVED US...

...

THOSE BROOKLYN DEVILS...I NEVER HEARD ABOUT THEM HAVIN' NO GUY LIKE THIS RUNNIN' WIT' THEM...

KH

UUH...

UUNH...

I INTEND TO BUILD A PERFECT WORLD, AND I INVITE YOU TWO TO BE A PART OF IT BY TAKING YOUR PLACES IN MY LEFT AND RIGHT HANDS!

YOU TWO ARE BEAU-TIFUL!!

J-JUST CHILL OUT...

WE GET THAT ALL THE TIME— YOU SHOULD BE USED TO IT BY NOW. STOP BEING SO GULLIBLE.

HEY, ONEE-CHAN! YA HEAR THAT? HE CALLED US BEAUTIFUL!!

A SHINI-GAMI!?

BACK IN DEATH CITY I HEARD TALES OF YOUR INFAMY—AND YOUR BEAUTY— SO I CAME ALL THE WAY TO NEW YORK TO SEE IF THE TALES WERE TRUE.

I'M A SHINI-GAMI.

THIS STINKING-RICH LITTLE MORSEL CAME LOOKING TO SCOUT US...!?

IF HE'S A SHINIGAMI, HE'S GOTTA BE LOADED...!

I CAN GIVE HER ALL THE YUMMY FOOD SHE CAN EAT, EVERY SINGLE DAY!

ONEE-CHAN...

IF WE GO TO THIS SHINI-GAMI'S HOUSE, I CAN DRESS UP PATTY IN CUTE LITTLE OUTFITS!

I CAN GIVE HER A WARM BATH EVERY NIGHT AND TUCK HER INTO A COZY BED FOR A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP!

OH, PATTY!! IT'S LIKE CINDERELLA!! WE'RE LIKE CINDERELLA!!

ONEE-CHAN...I THINK HE'S ASKIN' US A QUES-TION...

WILL YOU COME WITH ME?

SO WHAT DO YOU SAY?

A SHINI-
GAMI...

FOLLOW ME.

THIS RULES!!
OUR LUCK'S FINALLY TURNING AROUND!!
HEH...AND AS FOR YOU, MR. NEVER-SUFFERED-A-DAY-IN-YOUR-LIFE...
WE'RE GONNA SQUEEZE YOU FOR EVERY LAST PENNY YOU'VE GOT, YA SPOILED LITTLE BRAT!!

WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING? HURRY UP AND COME ALONG.

OHP!

SOWWY!

BUT THEY DO SAY SHE WAS THE PRETTIEST PROSTITUTE IN TOWN...AT THE VERY LEAST, I HAVE TO BE GRATEFUL FOR THAT—
FOR HAVING A BEAUTIFUL MOTHER WHO PASSED HER BEAUTY ON TO HER DAUGHTERS....

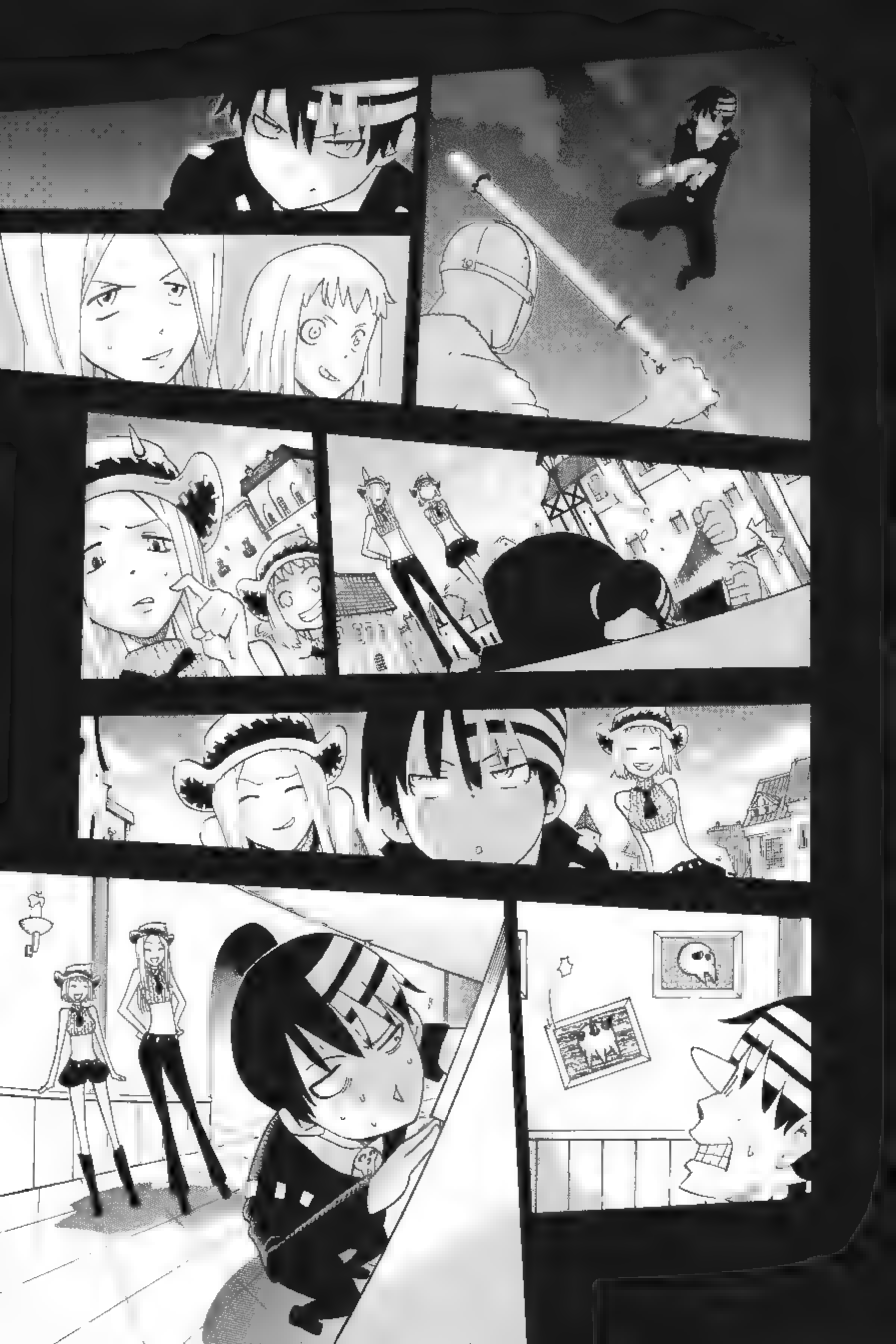
I'LL ALWAYS HATE OUR MOTHER FOR ABANDONING PATTY AND ME...

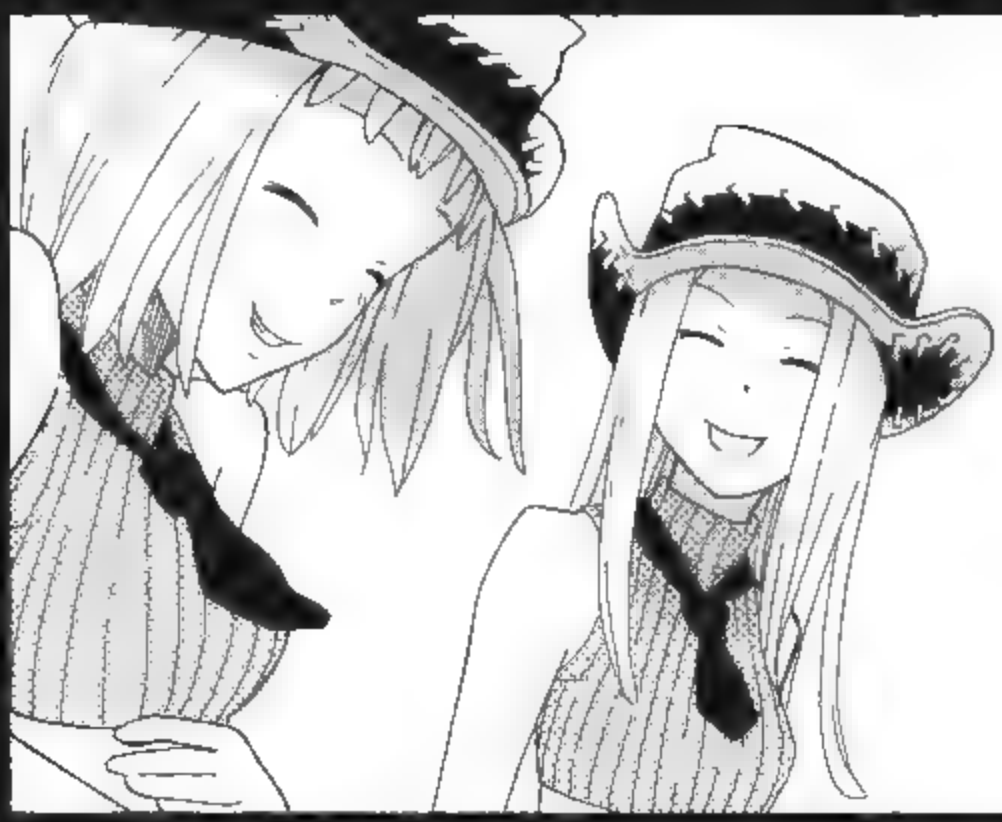
GOT IT.

OKAY, PATTY... FOR NOW WE JUST PLAY IT SWEET AND COOL, ALL RIGHT?

WELL, THIS TIME IT'S OUR TURN. WE'RE GONNA TAKE IT ALL— THE MONEY, THE POWER, EVERYTHING.

"OH, I'M A SHINIGAMI"... GIMME A BREAK. WHAT YOU ARE IS A DUMBASS— A CLUELESS, PRIVILEGED LITTLE TWIT WHO WAS BORN WITH A SILVER SPOON IN HIS MOUTH.





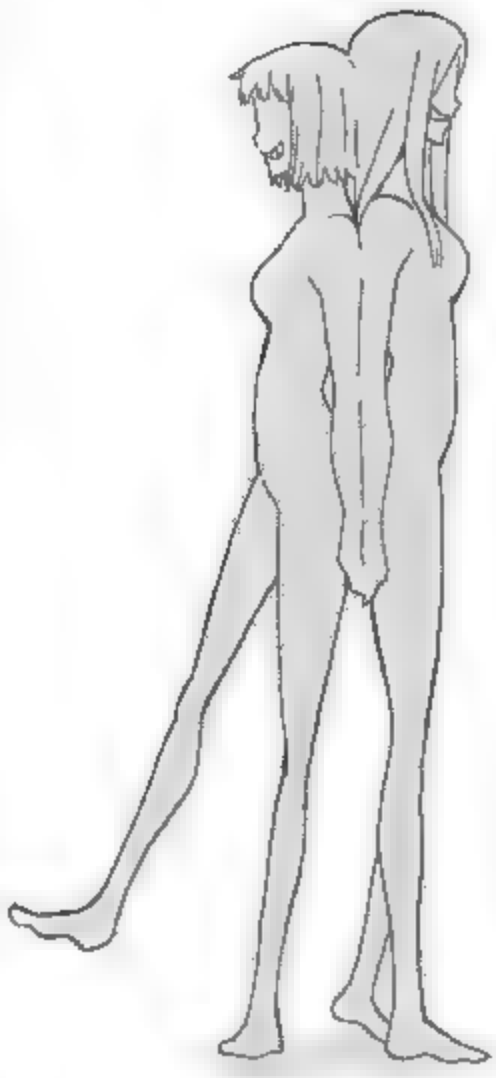
I WONDER IF SHE'S EVER REALLY LAUGHED BEFORE...

THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER SEEN PATTY LAUGH LIKE THAT...

WOW...

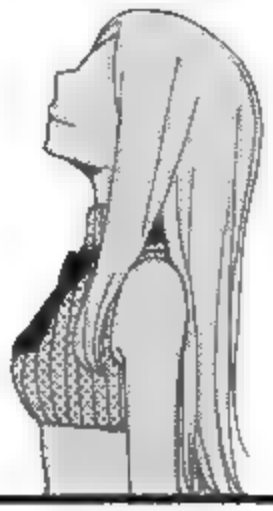
I USED TO THINK AS LONG AS WE WERE TOGETHER, PATTY AND I WOULD ALWAYS BE ABLE TO LAUGH...THAT WE COULD HAVE A FUN AND CRAZY LIFE, JUST THE TWO OF US...I NEVER THOUGHT WE NEEDED ANYONE...

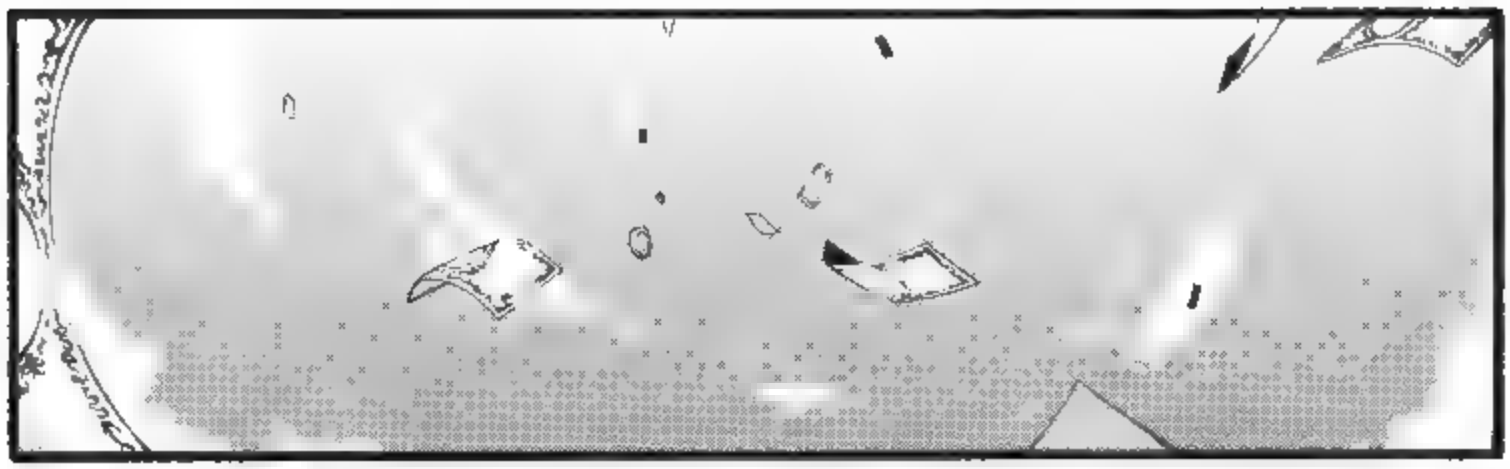
I USED TO HATE EVERYONE ELSE...I USED TO WISH WE COULD JUST MAKE THEM ALL DISAPPEAR FOREVER...

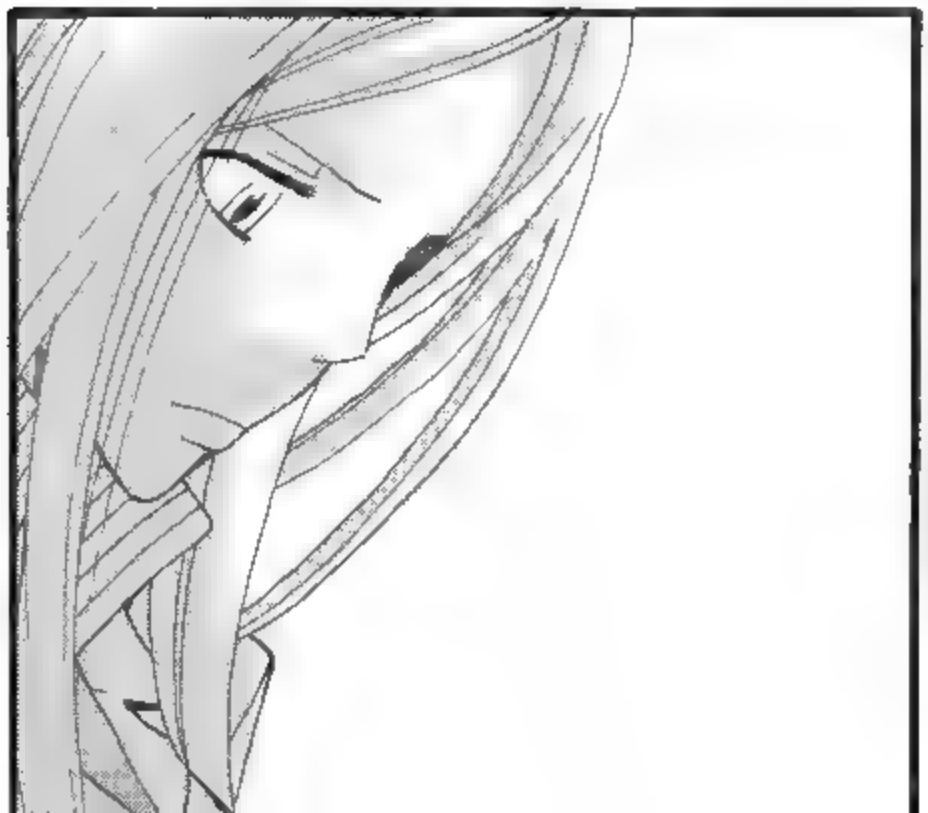


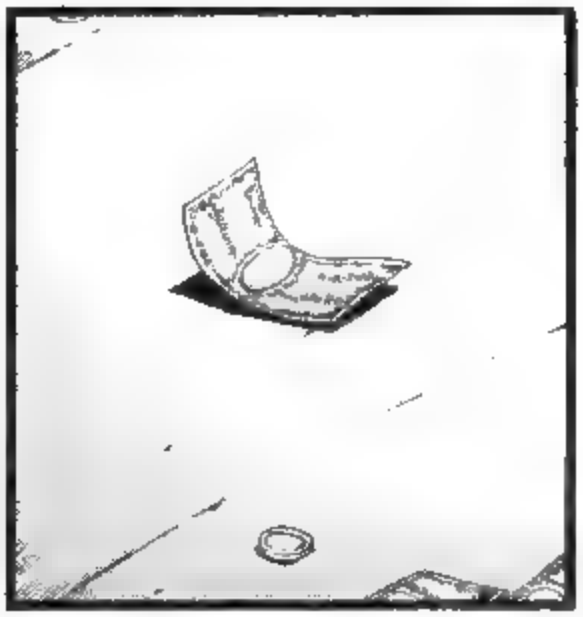
...I THINK MAYBE THE SHINIGAMI DID TAKE OUR LIVES AFTER ALL...IN A SENSE...

LOOKING BACK...









ALL I WISH RIGHT NOW IS FOR KID AND BLACK☆STAR TO COME HOME SAFE. THAT'S ALL I WANT. IF I CAN HAVE THAT, I DON'T NEED ANYTHING ELSE...

I DON'T CARE ABOUT MONEY ANYMORE...

THE FACT THAT THIS IS THE GREED CHAPTER MEANS NOTHING TO ME...

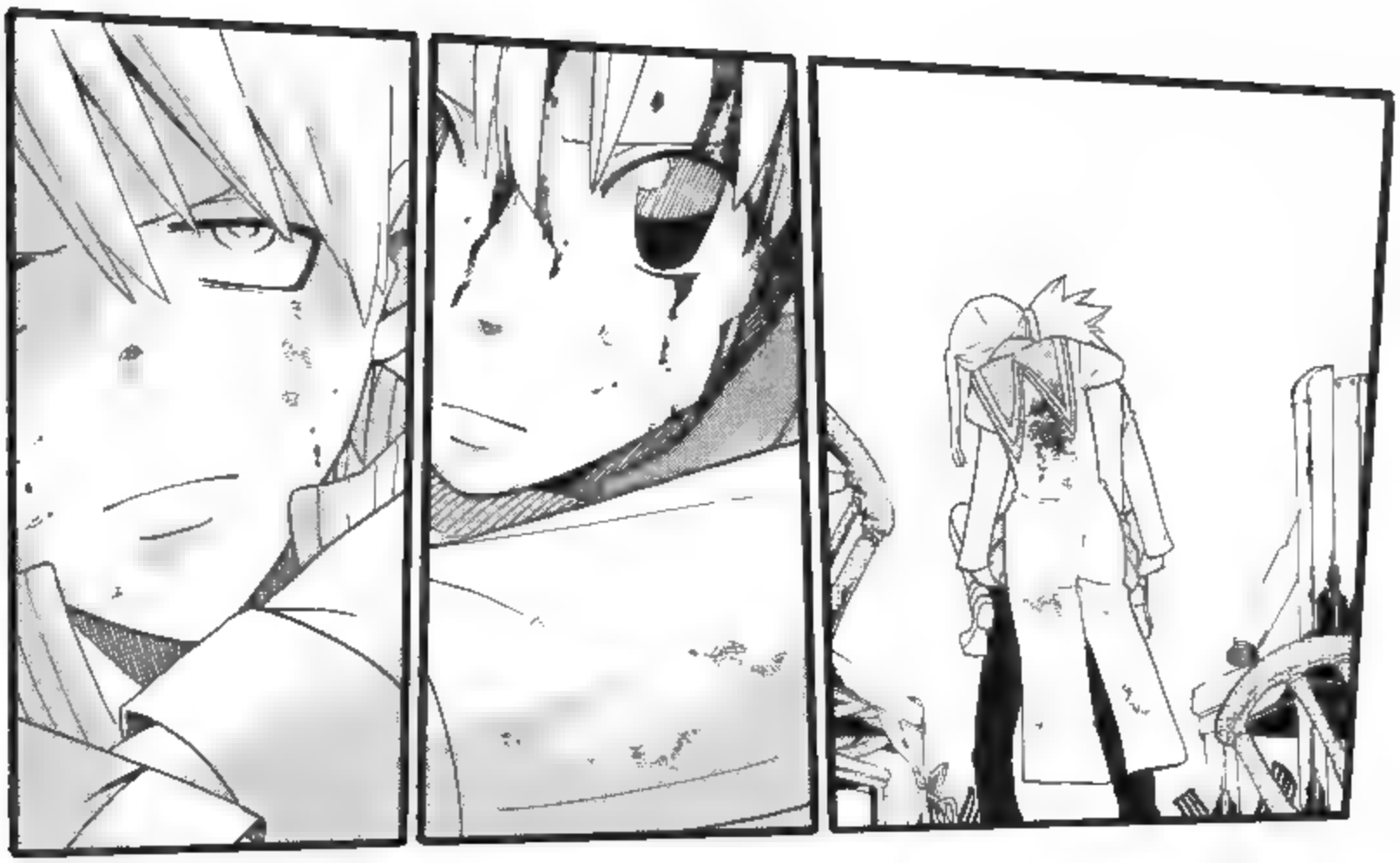
.....

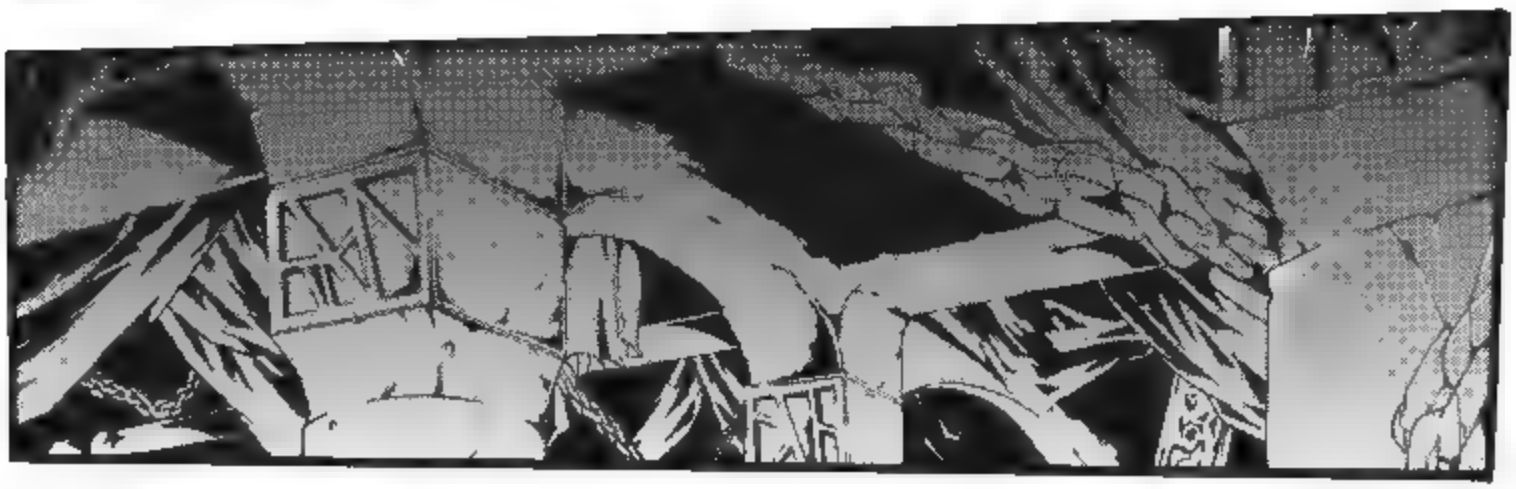
ONEE-CHAN...?

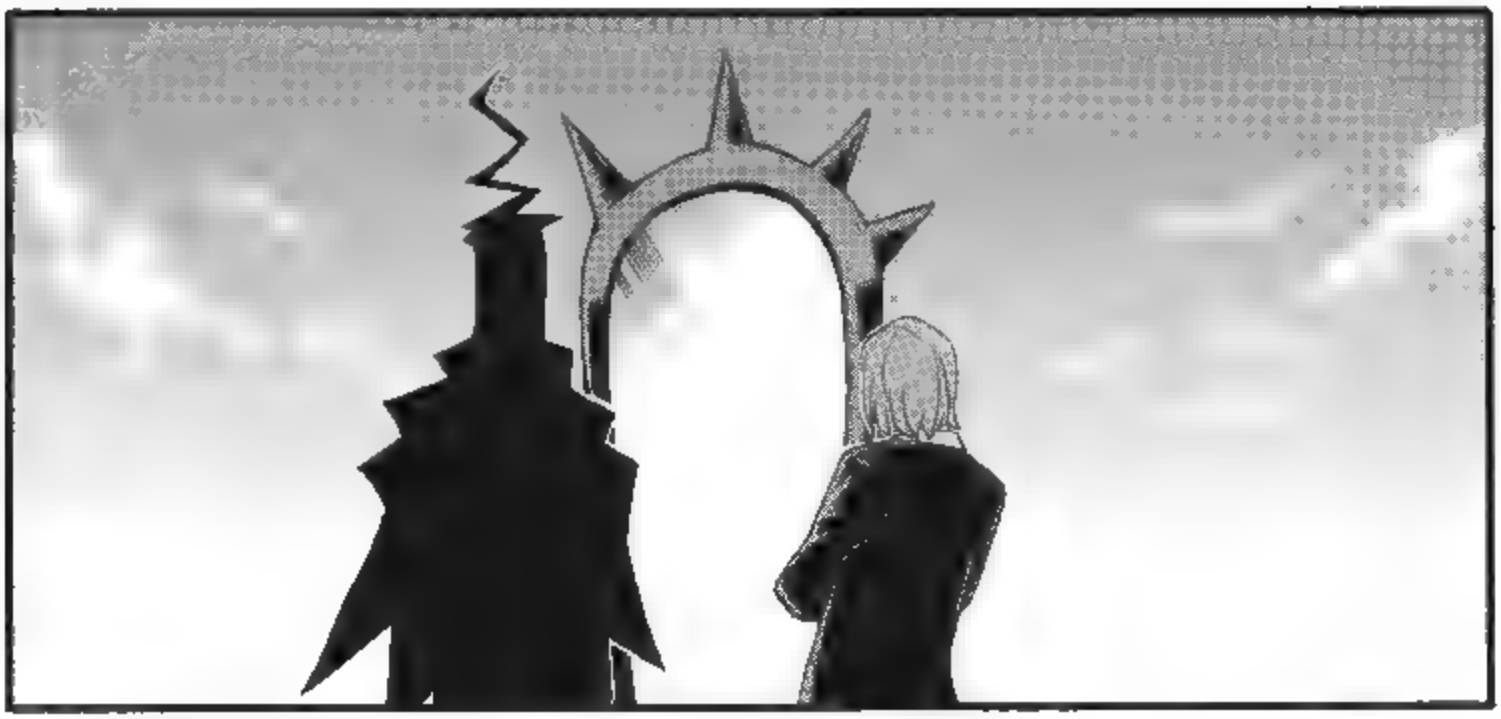
LIZ-CHAN... ARE YOU OKAY?

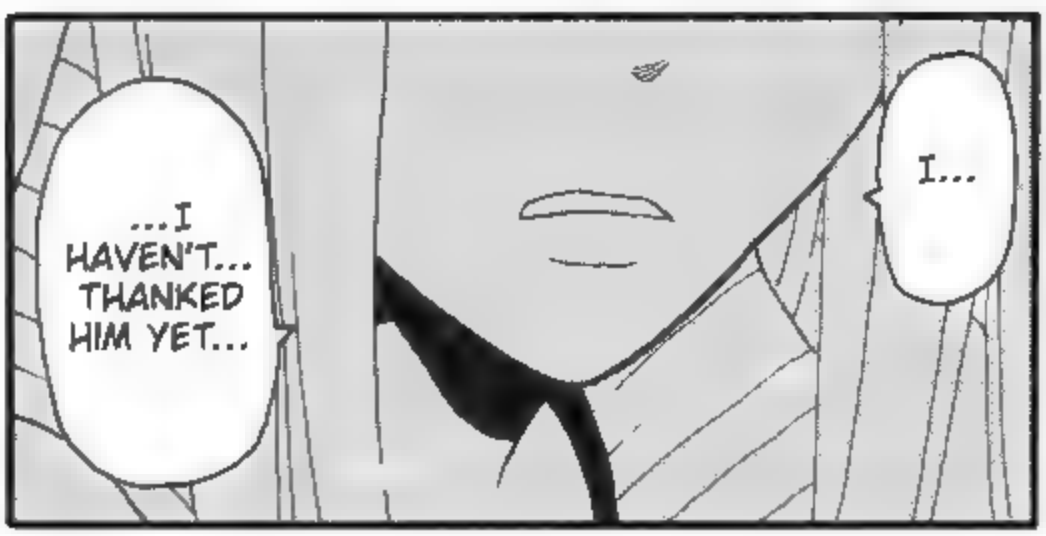
WE'RE ALL JUST WAITING FOR THOSE TWO TO COME HOME SAFE...

I KNOW EVERY-ONE HERE FEELS THE SAME...

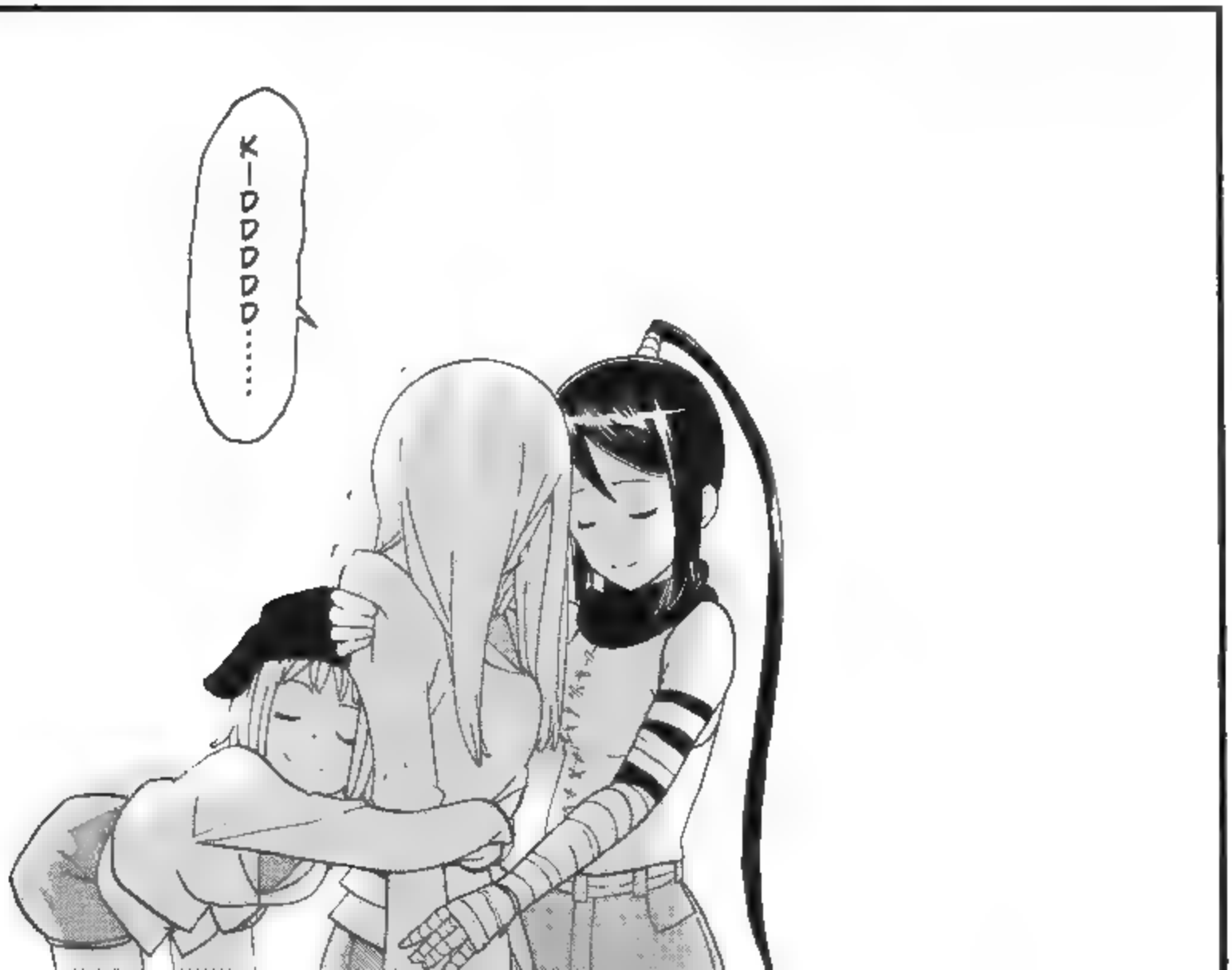







...I HAVEN'T... THANKED HIM YET...
I...

TSU-BAKI ...


KIDDDDD.....

YOU ASKED ME WHAT I WAS GONNA DO WITH ULTIMATE POWER ONCE I GOT IT. WELL...I GOT A PRETTY GOOD IDEA...
BUT I DID JUST FIGURE OUT WHAT COMES NEXT...
MAYBE I'M USIN' THE POWER OF MADNESS TO BECOME THE STRONGEST WARRIOR THERE IS...
BECOMIN' THE STRONGEST BY LETTIN' YOURSELF FALL DEEPER INTO MADNESS WITH EACH STEP ONLY MAKES YOU A JOKE...
...BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I'M LOSIN' MYSELF IN IT, IF YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.

GOBA (LOOM)

WHAT IS THE NATURE OF THE POWER YOU SEEK...?

NOW I WILL HEAR YOUR ANSWERS TO MY QUESTION—

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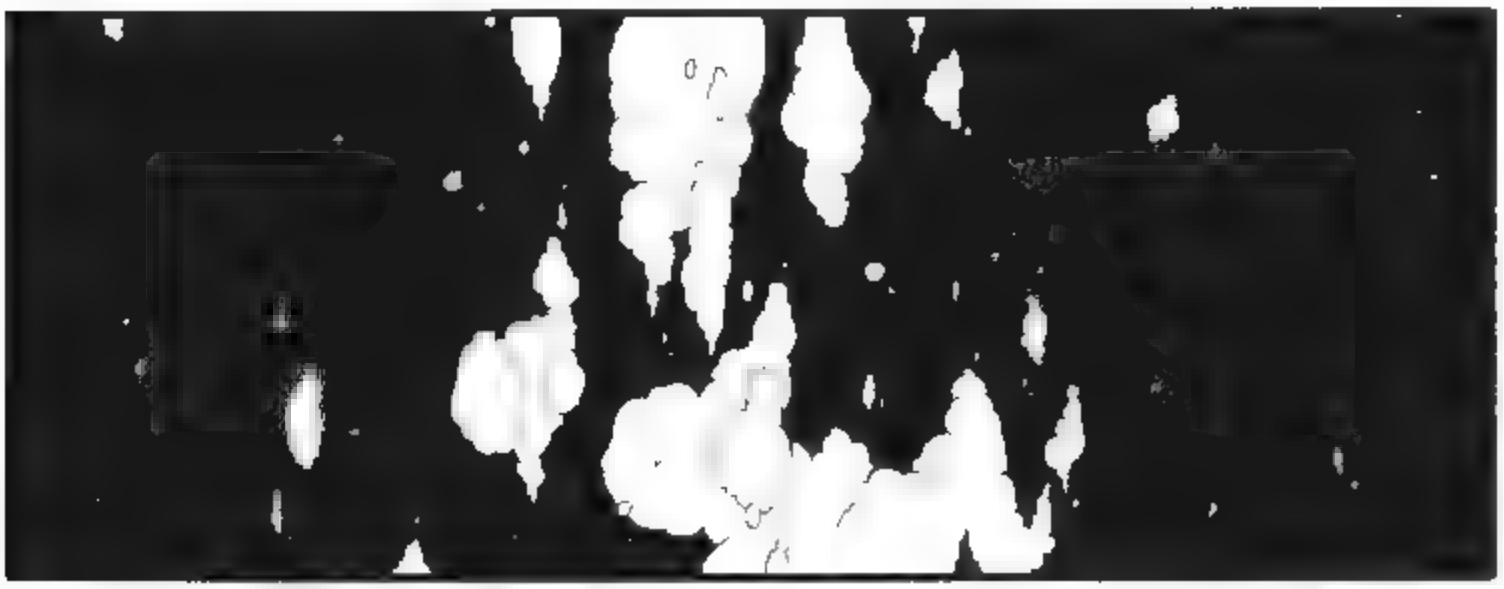
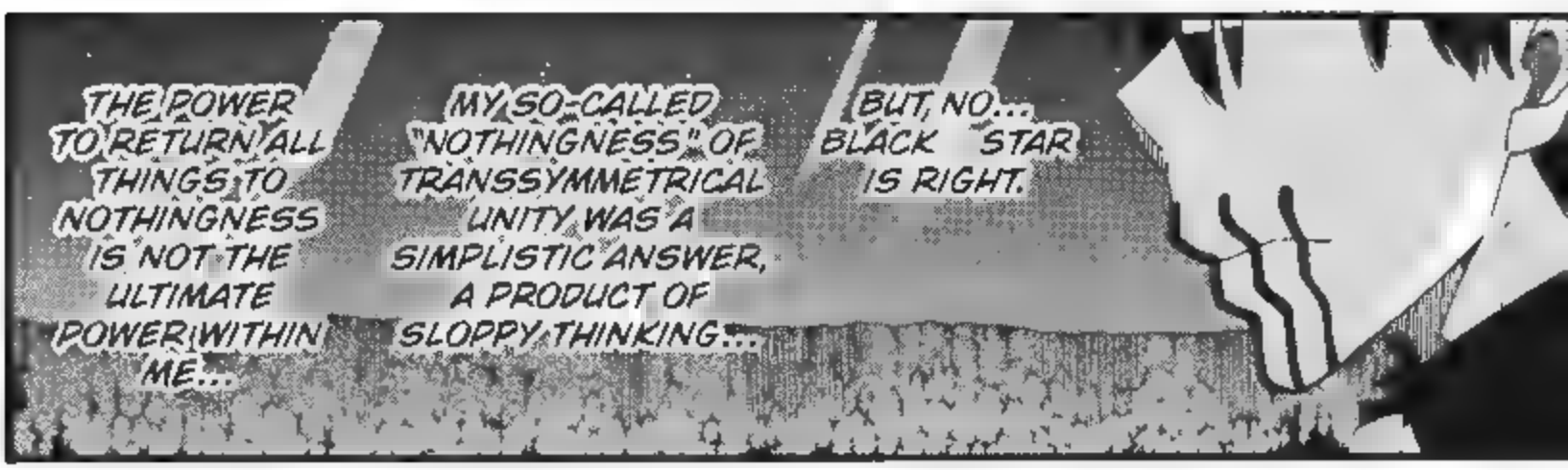
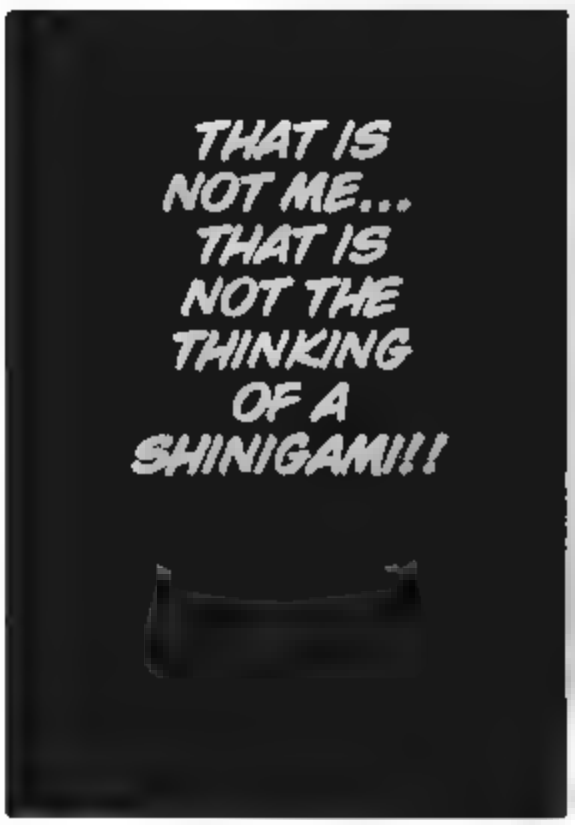
POWER...

MY ANSWER TO THE QUESTION OF "POWER"...?



A TRANSSYMMETRICAL UNITY THAT SURPASSES ALL SYMMETRY...


THE POWER TO RETURN ALL THINGS TO NOTHINGNESS IS NOT THE ULTIMATE POWER WITHIN ME...
MY SO-CALLED "NOTHINGNESS" OF TRANSSYMMETRICAL UNITY WAS A SIMPLISTIC ANSWER, A PRODUCT OF SLOPPY THINKING...
BUT, NO... BLACK STAR IS RIGHT.

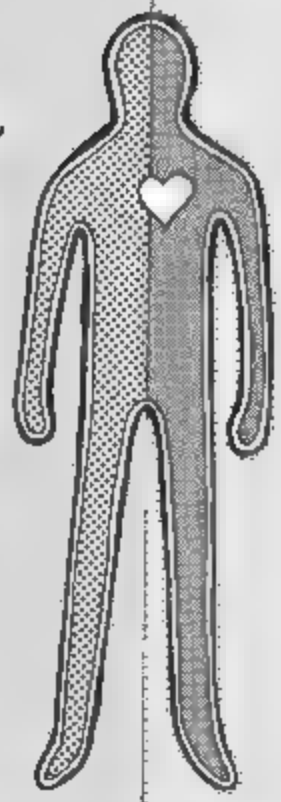


"NOTHINGNESS" MEANS NEGATING EVEN THE POSSIBILITY OF LIFE...! IT'S THE SAME AS DENYING LIFE ITSELF!
I AM A SHINIGAMI, AND I SHOULD KNOW— NOTHINGNESS IS NOT THE SAME THING AS DEATH!! NOT AT ALL!!

SYMMETRY IS MY AESTHETIC...

A WORLD IN BALANCE IN EVERY SENSE OF THE WORD...

THAT VERY IMPOSSIBILITY IS MOST LIKELY WHAT LENDS THE PURSUIT OF SYMMETRY SUCH VALUE IN THE FIRST PLACE...



EVEN THE HUMAN BODY CAN'T ATTAIN PERFECT BILATERAL SYMMETRY IN A STRUCTURAL SENSE...

IT IS MY ANSWER TO THE QUESTION OF "POWER"...

IT IS THE ULTIMATE ORDER...

WELCOME BACK, SHINI-GAMI...

WE'RE NOT KEEPIN' SCORE HERE, BRO.
THANKS TO YOU... I GUESS NOW I OWE YOU ONE, BLACK☆ STAR.

FRIENDS SHOULD NEVER CARE ABOUT WHO'S BEEN CARRYING WHO FOR HOW LONG, OR WHO NEEDS TO BE CARRIED.

'COS WHEN IT COMES TO FRIENDSHIP, THAT'S ONE PLACE WHERE "SYMMETRY" DOESN'T MEAN A THING.

BETWEEN MEISTERS AND WEAPONS IT'S ALWAYS GIVE-AND-TAKE...

...SO WHY SHOULD IT BE ANY DIFFERENT BETWEEN FRIENDS. RIGHT?

...I SAY THAT POWER IS POWER— SAME AS BEFORE, SAME AS ALWAYS.

'COURSE, MY ANSWER SHOULDA BEEN PRETTY OBVIOUS FROM THE BEGINNING, BUT...

YO, BLACK OCTOPUS DUDE! I GOT YOUR "ANSWER" FOR YOU.

BLACK ☆ STAR...

I WILL OBTAIN ULTIMATE POWER. AND WHEN I DO, I'M GONNA USE IT TO GIVE KID A HAND IN BUILDING THAT ULTIMATE WORLD HE KEEPS TALKING ABOUT.

RIGHT.

I HEAR YOU.

SO I'M COUNTIN' ON YOU TO COME THROUGH, SHINIGAMI...

BLACK☆STAR I BELIEVE THAT IS WHAT YOU CALLED YOURSELF—YOU HAVE READ THROUGH THIS BOOK AND EXPERIENCED THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS FIRSTHAND, HAVE YOU NOT?

"ORDER" IMPOSED ON THE WORLD BY FORCE... IS THAT NOT THE SAME AS RULE BY FEAR?

LET ME ASK YOU— IF ANOTHER SIN WERE ADDED TO THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS, WHAT DO YOU THINK IT WOULD BE.. ?

THAT ANSWER IS THE ANSWER TO THIS HIDDEN CHAPTER.

...AND THOSE WITH POWER CREATE THE STANDARDS FOR JUSTICE.

"MIGHT IS RIGHT"... THOSE WITH POWER DIRECT THE COURSE OF WORLD AFFAIRS AND CREATE THE ORDER THEY DESIRE...

YOU WERE THE GREAT OLD ONE WHO GOVERNED POWER, WEREN'T YOU...?

THERE ARE TIMES WHEN EVEN JUSTICE CAN DRIVE PEOPLE TO MADNESS...

ANY "JUSTICE" TAKEN TOO FAR IS ITS OWN EVIL.

...AS IT HAPPENED WHEN THE SHINIGAMI, MYSELF, AND THE OTHERS GAVE BIRTH TO ASURA. .

WHEN THE SHINIGAMI CUT OUT A PIECE OF HIMSELF TO CREATE YOU, IT WAS NOT SO THAT YOU WOULD REPEAT THE SAME MISTAKES.. FRAGMENT ..

AND WE'VE GOT MAKA AND SOUL TOO.

BESIDES, IT AIN'T LIKE WE'RE THE ONLY TWO GUYS WITH POWER. THERE'S TSUBAKI, AND LIZ AND PATTY, AND A WHOLE BUNCHA OTHER FRIENDS ON OUR SIDE.

FOR A BIG OCTOPUS, YOU SURE DO YAMMER ON AND ON...

THEY CAN PULL OFF THINGS THAT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE REST OF US...

MAKA... SOUL...

THOSE MUST BE THE TWO STILL WITHIN THE SLOTH CHAPTER...

I SEE...

YOU SPEAK OF "HARMONY."

HOWEVER.. I EXPECT YOU DO NOT WISH TO PERMIT HIM TO DO WITH ME AS HE PLEASES...

A GREAT OLD ONE SUCH AS MYSELF BELONGS IN SUCH A PLACE...

!?

IF YOU HAVE THE POWER TO LET US OUT, THEN WHAT ARE YOU STILL DOING IN HERE...!?

I SHALL LET THE TEST OF POWER DECIDE WHICH OF YOU IS MOST SUITABLE FOR THE TASK.

THERE IS ONE WHO WOULD CROWN HIMSELF THE NEW RULER OF THE COSMOS HE MAKES HIS BID AS WE SPEAK..

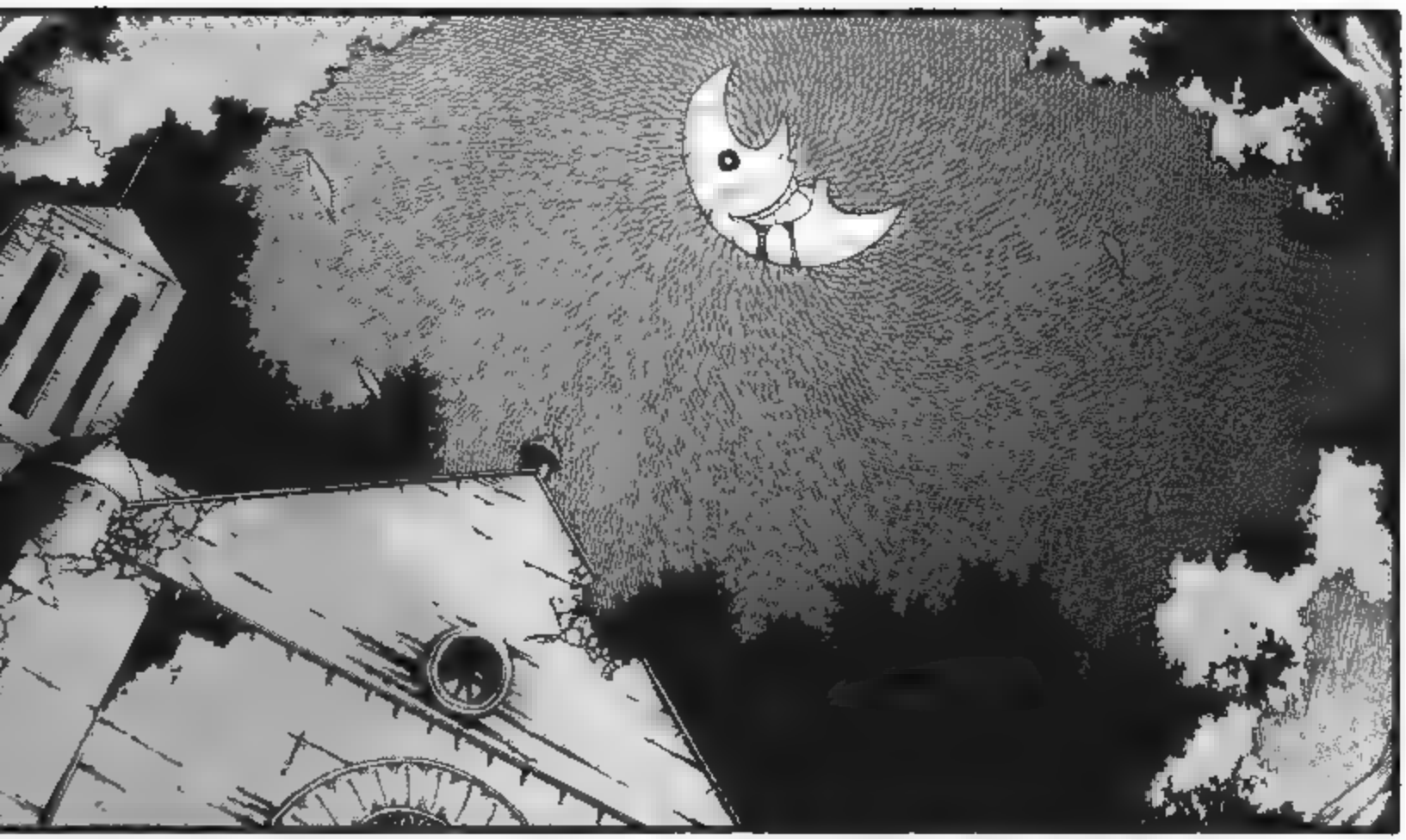
GOBOBOBO

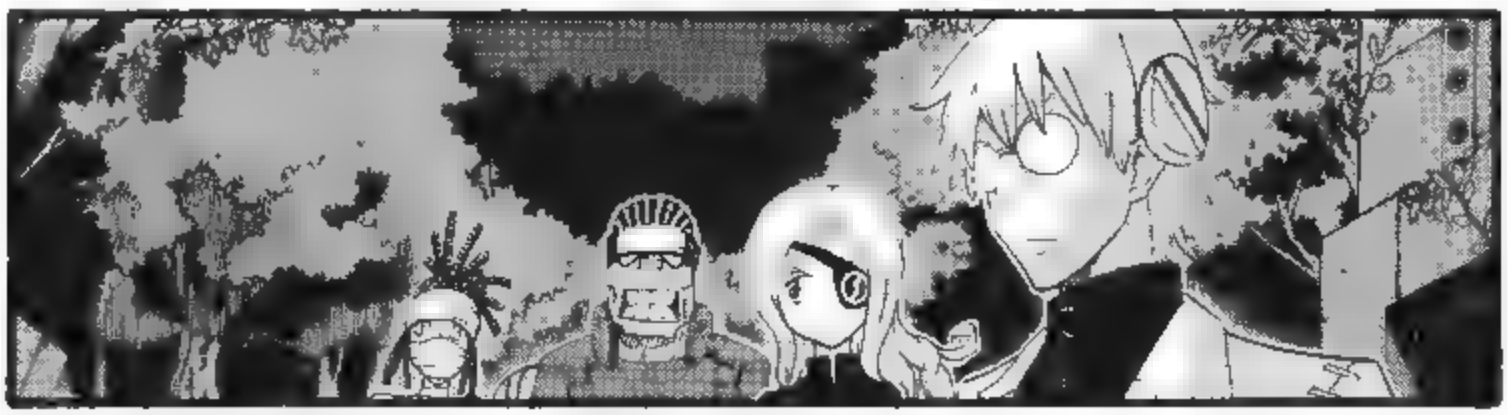
DO NOT BE CONCERNED.

YOUR FRIENDS WILL BE FINE.

GOBOBOBOBOBO (BURRRBLE)

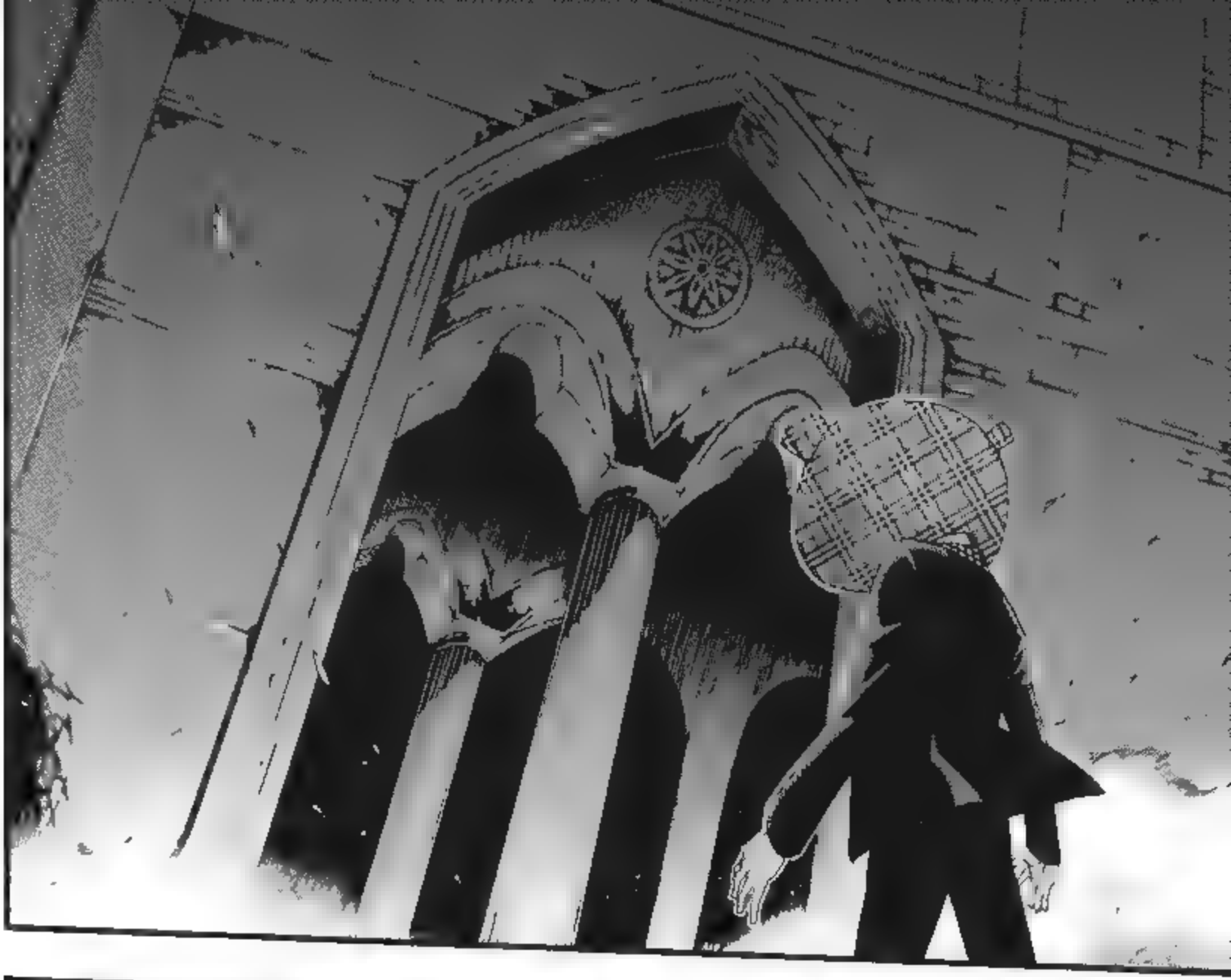
WAIT— WE STILL HAVE FRIENDS INSIDE THIS BOOK!

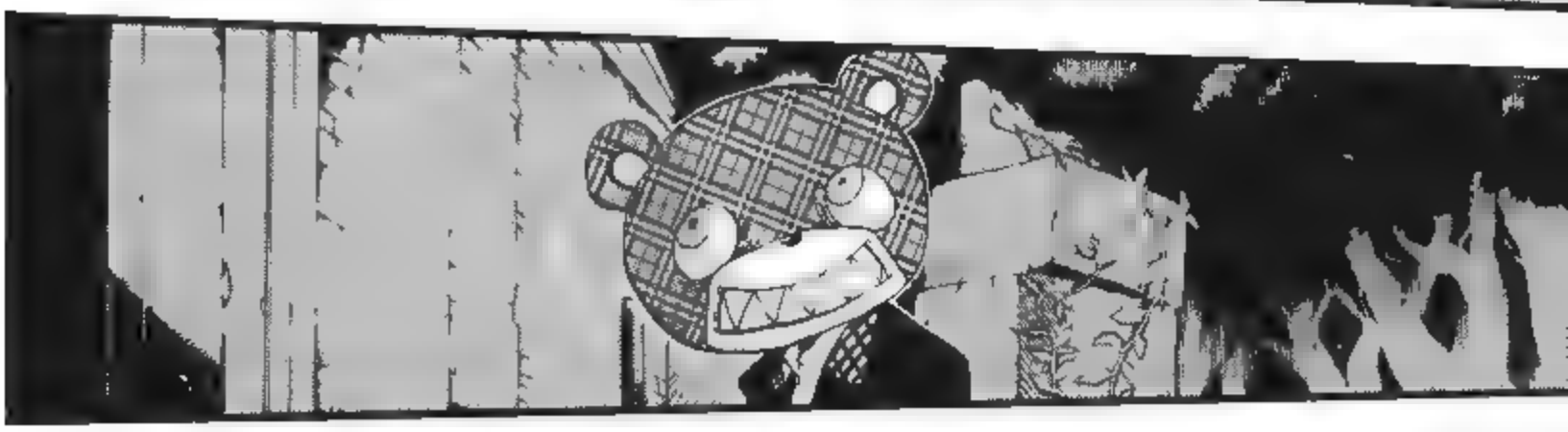




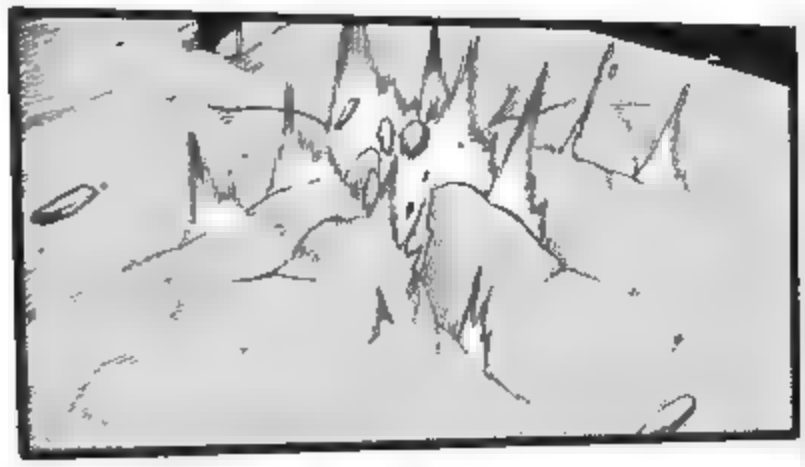
I CAN TRACK THE SOUL OF ANYONE WHO'S EVER BEEN REFLECTED IN MY MIRROR, SO I'M PRETTY SURE THEY'RE IN THERE.

JUSTIN SHOULD BE INSIDE... PROBABLY...AND I THINK THE MAN CALLED NOAH IS LIKELY IN THERE WITH HIM...





I'M STRUGGLING TO STAY FOCUSED... CAN'T THINK STRAIGHT...
WHAT'S HAP-PEN-ING...?



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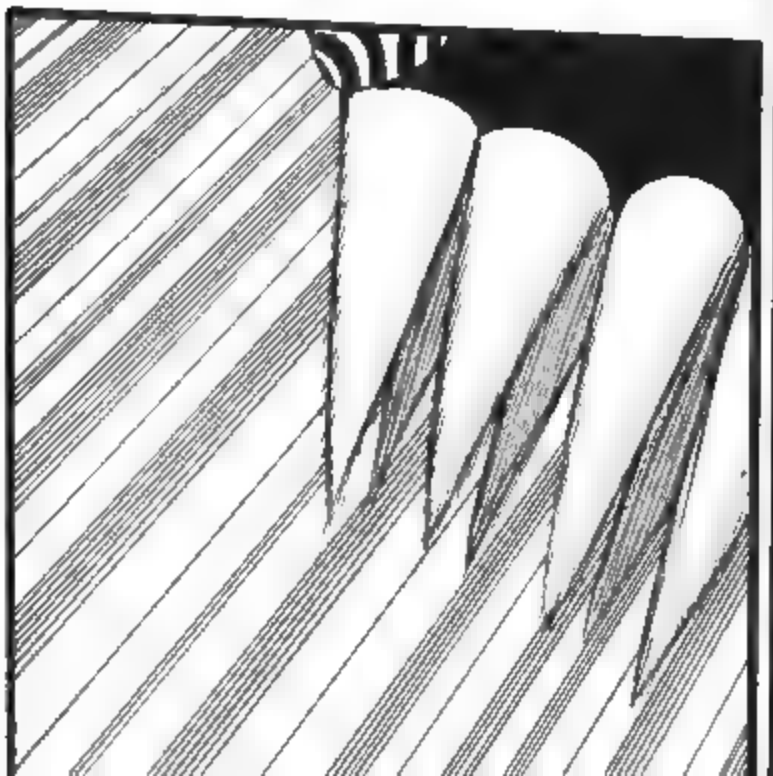
BEBU
(SPLAT)

ドシャ
DOSHA
(SPLATTER)

TEZCA TLIPOCA !!



MARIE !!

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TON (SHOVE)

ドズン
DOZU (WHOOMP)

YOU TWO OKAY!? MARIE!! NAIGUS !!

SID!!

SO IS THIS THE BEST WE CAN EXPECT FROM THE DWMA ELITE...?

MMM

MM (VWEE)

ZA WARUDO

HH

NONE OF YOU ARE FIT TO BE A PART OF MY COLLEC-TION...

KINDLY GET OUT OF MY SIGHT.

USE-LESS JUNK.

WE REALLY SCREWED THIS UP... TEZCA TLIPOCA DEAD, THE REST OF US BADLY WOUNDED, KID STILL HELD HOSTAGE...WE LOST OUR MOMENTUM AND GOT OUR ASSES HANDED TO US BEFORE WE EVEN SAW IT COMING...

YOU MUST BE NOAH...

KAFF...

KFF...

LIKE HE HAS.

DID YOU HONESTLY BELIEVE—IN A WORLD WHERE THE KISHIN HAS BEEN RESURRECTED AND MADNESS IS SPREADING LIKE WILDFIRE—THAT YOU COULD SOMEHOW WIN THE DAY BY SUPRESSING YOUR MADNESS? IT'S SIMPLY ABSURD. DON'T YOU THINK IT'S HIGH TIME YOU SET YOURSELF FREE...?

O LORD, MY GOD... MAYEST THOU PUNISH THE FOOLISH...

STOP THIS, JUSTIN! HOW MUCH MORE SIN CAN YOU PILE UPON YOURSELF BEFORE—

KFF

SFX: ZUDOKON (DA-DOOMP) ZUDOKON ZUDOKON...

I WON'T UNDER-STAND A WORD YOU'RE SAYING UNLESS YOU FACE ME.

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DOSU WHAM

YOU BAS-TARD!!

GUSHA (CRUNCH)

GON (WHOMP)

I HAVE SLAUGHTERED ANOTHER PIG IN A CAGE ON ANTIBIOTICS.

O LORD, MY GOD...

O LORD, MY GOD...

ドン (thump)

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ドン

SO LONG AS YOU CONTINUE TO SUPPRESS YOUR MADNESS, YOU ARE OF NO VALUE WHATSO-EVER.

YOU SEE, I WILL ACQUIRE EVERYTHING THIS WORLD HAS TO OFFER AND RULE IT ABSOLUTELY... AND IN MY WORLD, ALL ITEMS UNWORTHY OF COLLECTION ARE TO BE SUMMARILY DISPOSED OF.

GYU (TUG)

GYU

KYUN (TIGHT)

KAH ...!

NUU (NYOOP)

I CHOOSE YOU!!

MANTI-CORE!

!!

GA (GRAB)

AAW

AAA

ZUBOBOBO (SHLOOOOP)

HOLD ON A SEC... I JUST GRABBED ONTO SOMETHIN'.

YO, WHAT'S GOING ON UP THERE? HURRY UP AND GET A MOVE ON.

HEY, IT WASN'T MY FAULT— SOMETHIN' JUST YANKED US OUT.

OW...HEY... I'M KINDA BEAT UP HERE, GUYS. CAN'T YOU BE A LITTLE MORE GENTLE...?

DODO (THUMP)

OWW ...

!!

ISN'T THAT ...?

GACHA (SPLUCH)

WHAT IS THAT ...!!?

AH!!

THIS ENEMY IS TOO EVIL...

JUST GET OUT OF HERE AS FAST AS YOU CAN.

SEN-SEI!!!

WHAT'S GOING ON!? WHAT IN THE WORLD HAPPENED HERE...!?

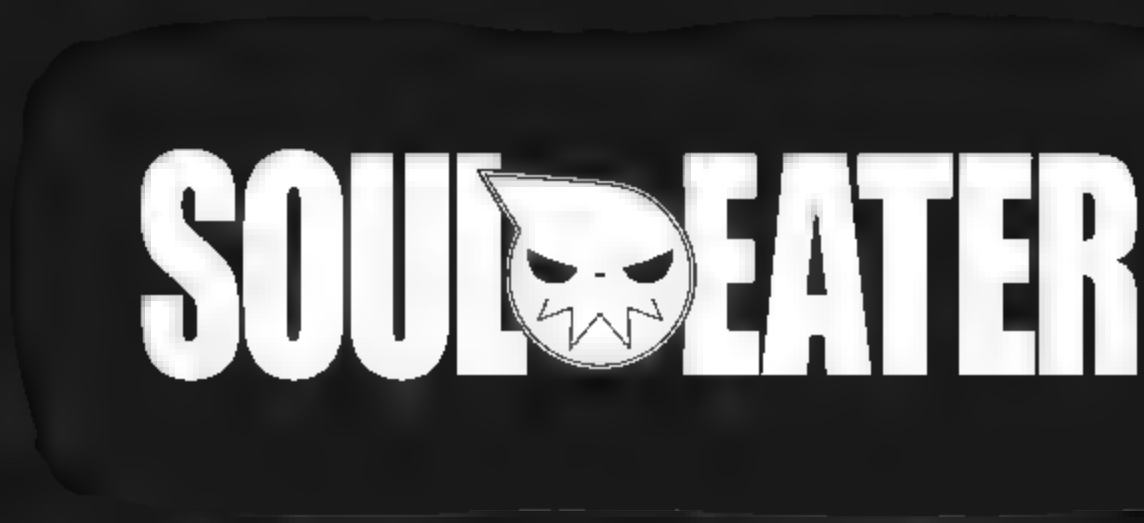
WE'RE GONNA BE FINE! WE CAN FIGURE SOMETHING OUT IF WE ALL DO THIS TOGETHER!

WHO DID THIS...? WHERE IS THE BASTARD WHO DID THIS...!?

DOGO CTHOOM

IN THE WORLD I ENVISION... YOU DO NOT EXIST.

IT IS TIME FOR ME TO EXECUTE THE DEATH PENALTY.


SOUL EATER

I WANT...

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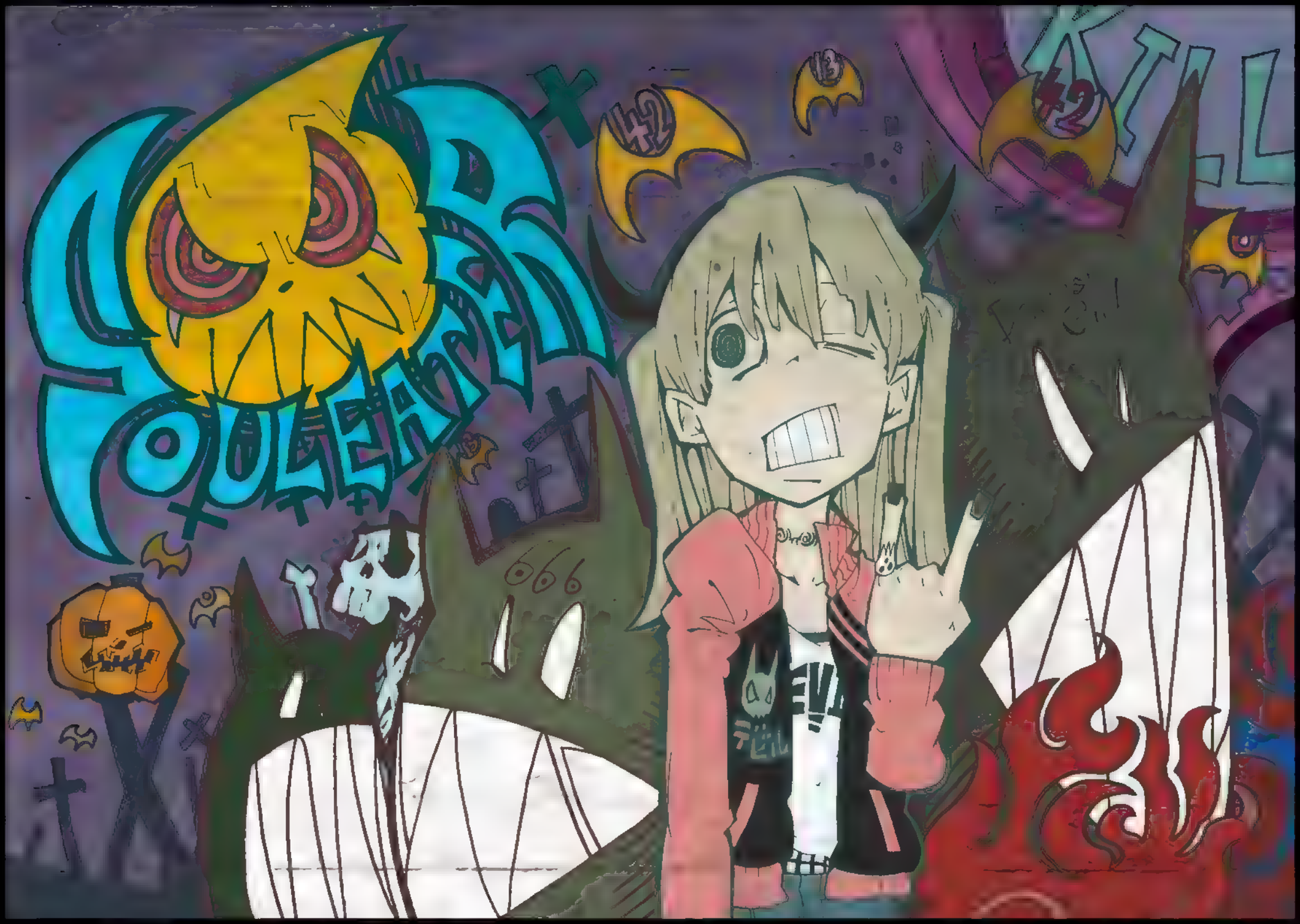

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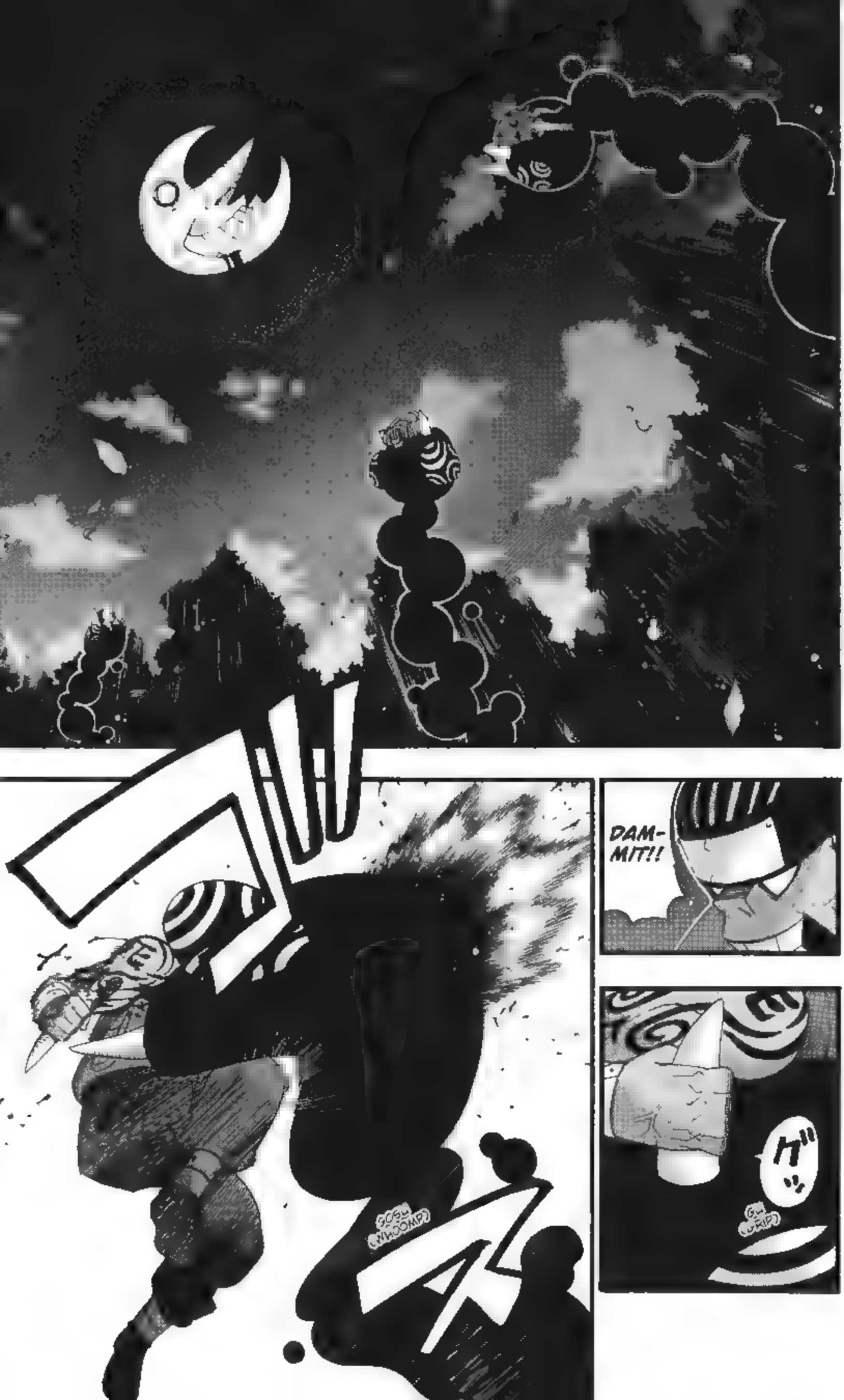
DAM-
MIT!!
GOSH
(WHOOMP)
GULP
(GRIP)

YOU KIDS FALL BACK!! LEAVE THIS TO US!

BUCHI (RRRIP) ブチ

BUCHI ブチ

DA (TMP) ダ

DA!!

!

BA (FWP) バ

DON'T BE SO COCKY! NOW OBEY YOUR ORDERS AND FALL BACK!

ARE YOU AN IDIOT!?

NO...WE'LL HANDLE THIS ONE, PROF.

YOU TAKE CARE OF MARIE-SENSEI AND THE OTHERS.

JUST DO US A FAVOR AND WATCH OUR BACKS.

THIS FIGHT WILL DECIDE WHO'S GONNA BE THE NEW RULER, AND IT'S KID'S FIGHT.

SO DON'T TELL US TO SIT BACK AND WATCH FROM THE SIDELINES. IT AIN'T HAP-PENIN'...

YOU KIDS, I SWEAR...

HEH.

SHUBA (SHHHWP)

LIZI PATTY !!

TSU-BAKI !!

BA (VWP)

MAKA... ARE YOU UP FOR THIS...?

I HAVE TO BE.

WELCOME BACK...

...KID.

...KID-KUN.

IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK.

I'M SORRY FOR WORRYING EVERYONE.

THE KISHIN IS MINE! EVERYTHING IS MINE! I WANT IT ALL!!

IT WILL BE UP TO ME TO DECIDE WHOSE SOULS LIVE AND WHOSE SOULS DIE! IT WILL NOT BE THE DECISION OF SOME FOOL SHINIGAMI! AND FOR MY FIRST DECISION, ALL UNNECESSARY CLUTTER...

I WILL BE THE ONE WHO ACQUIRES THIS WORLD! I WILL NOT LET IT FALL INTO THE HANDS OF A SHINIGAMI!! BECAUSE I WANT IT!!

I WILL SEIZE EVERYTHING IN THIS WORLD! IT WILL BE A WORLD OF MY BELIEFS AND MY DECISIONS! BECAUSE IT WILL BE MINE IN EVERY WAY!!

MARIE !!

DON (SLAM)

BLIN (VWOOM)

...MUST DIE!!

YOU BAS-TARD ...

...BUT WHAT'S NEEDED RIGHT NOW IS MERELY THAT ONE PURE EMOTION—

THE EMOTION I REQUIRE COULD BE EASILY MISTAKEN BY SOME FOR MADNESS...

I DO WANT TO PROTECT MY FRIENDS...I DO WANT TO SAVE THE WORLD... BUT I KNOW THAT MAKING NICE SPEECHES ABOUT IT WILL DO NOTHING TO ACCOMPLISH THOSE GOALS. .

A COOL AND DELIBER-ATE INTENT TO KILL.

n

IZOKU (SHUDDER)

MAD-
NESS
TAKES
HOLD

BLACK ☆ STAR!!

KID!!

WHAT IS THAT WAVE-LENGTH!?

!

!

I'M SORRY TO ASK THIS OF YOU AFTER THE BATTLE YOU'VE JUST BEEN THROUGH, BUT...I NEED THE TWO OF YOU IN THIS FIGHT.

MAKA, SOUL.

KA!!!

DA (DASH)

YOUR POWER WILL BE OUR SUPPORT.

RESO-NANCE CHAIN

RIGHT!

SOUL.

SHUBA (SHHHP)

GABA (WHOOSH)

NOAH-SAMA-AAA!!

SIREN.

EH!?

OUT OF MY WAY!!

GO (SLAM)

I'M CHOPPIN' RIGHT THROUGH THIS WALL!

DOGAGA (DADOOM)

THAT MEANS YOU GET IT ON THE LEFT!

THIS IS PAYBACK FOR WHAT YOU DID TO THE RIGHT HALF OF MY BODY!

MAAAA (VWAAAA)

MAKA AND SOUL'S WAVELENGTH IS...!

ZAZAZA (SKID)

DA (BLAM)

DA

DA

DA

IT WILL BE OUR SUPPORT.

THEIR COURAGE PROTECTS US!..

GA

GA

GA

GA (THOK)

WATCH OUT!! THEY'RE NOT BEHIND THE WALL ANY-MORE!!

BLACK STAR..! HURRY AND CUT AROUND THE WALL!! I'LL COVER YOU!!

PERHAPS I SHOULD INTRODUCE YOU TO SOME NOTEWORTHY ITEMS FROM MY COLLEC-TION.

GIANT'S RAZOR.

SCREW YOU!!

PERA PERA (FLIP)

WHA ...!?

FLY, MY SELECT GREM-LINS!!

FLY!!

GO (WHAM)

CHIRI (SZZL)

CHIRI

LEAVE THESE PESKY LITTLE CREEPS TO BLAIR AND ME. YOU TWO GET NOAH!

BOU (FWOOM)

SO WHAT'S YOUR MOVE? IF YOU DON'T THINK WE'LL STAND AND FIGHT YOU, YOU'RE WRONG.

I HAVE PLACES TO GO, PEOPLE TO SEE. I MUST BE TAKING MY LEAVE NOW.

I HAVE NO INTENTION OF FIGHTING YOU TWO, NO MATTER HOW WOUNDED YOU MAY BE AT THE MOMENT.

"FRIENDS"? HARDLY. I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY KISHIN-SAMA, AND THAT IS WHERE MY LOYALTY ENDS. YOU SEE, I REALIZED SOMETHING ABOUT MYSELF— THAT MY RELIGIOUS FERVOR IS ITSELF A KIND OF MADNESS..

AND IF THAT IS THE CASE, THEN IT SEEMED ONLY FITTING THAT I OFFER MYSELF IN SERVICE TO THE HOLY KISHIN-SAMA, THE VERY SOURCE OF THAT MADNESS

SO YOU BETRAY YOUR FRIENDS AGAIN!

NOAH-SAN HAS BEEN KIND ENOUGH TO TELL ME THE DWELLING PLACE OF MY GOD.

THAT IS WHERE I AM HEADED.

WH... WHAT !?

...!!

YOU SAY YOU KNOW WHERE THE KISHIN IS!!?

WAIT !!

I HOPE YOU TWO ENJOY THE SPECTACLE OF WATCHING YOUR STUDENTS DIE.

East Asia Branch Chief, Death Weapon Yumi Azusa, reporting—

The Spartoi have engaged enemy forces and are currently locked in combat...

DEATH WEAPON TEZCA TLIPOCA IS DEAD...

ARE KILIK AND THE OTHERS ALL RIGHT...!?

SOMETHING MANAGED TO BYPASS OUR CALCULATION SPELL AND FORCIBLY EJECT THEM FROM THE BOOK!

I DON'T KNOW... ALL WE'VE HEARD IS THAT THEY'VE ENGAGED THE ENEMY...

TH S CAN'T BE HAP-PEN-ING...

BUT I KNOW ONE THING— THOSE GUYS WON'T GO DOWN WITHOUT A FIGHT.

GUGYARR-RAAAWRR!!

OOOO (WWOOSH)

ORTIRIS!

GOSU (SHOONK)

MICHEL-ANGELO'S 1504 MASTER-PIECE—

DAVID!

IN THE PRIME OF YOUTHFUL BEAUTY, STANDING BRAVELY WITH FIRM RESOLVE TO DEFEAT THE GIANT GOLIATH, HE REPRESENTS A PURE AND PASSIONATE OUTPOURING OF HUMANITY'S FERVENT DESIRE TO WIN PEACE AND FREEDOM.

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU BAB-BLING ABOUT?

AND THERE IS PLENTY MORE WHERE THAT CAME FROM.

COME FORTH, CYCLOPS !!

EDA (DASH)

TCH

ZAZAZA (SKID)

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TON (KICK)

WHUH !?

LOOK OUT!!

DOSHIN (CRAAASH)

DON (THUMP)

!?

PUSU (CRIK)

BLACK ☆ STAR!!

OOOOO, WHOOO.

A PUNY LITTLE RUNT LIKE YOU AIN'T GOT A CHANCE IN HELL OF CRUSHIN' A BIG BADASS LIKE ME.

TON (WHACK)

HYU (FYOOM)

BYA (VWAP)

SHADOW STAR: ZEROTH FORM— MASA-MUNE...

INITIA-TION TECH-NIQUE—

OOOO (WHOOO)

DO

DO

DO (THUKK)

GRAAAH!!

INFINITY

...

YEAH, BUT WE'RE NOT GETTING ANYWHERE AT THIS RATE— WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE FIGHTING ONE GUY, AND INSTEAD WE'RE FIGHTING HIS WHOLE ARMY...

AMAZ-ING!!

THERE IS STILL MUCH TO SEE IN MY COLLECTION... AND IT IS ALL MINE TO COMMAND.

I AM THE NEW RULER OF THE COSMOS... I AM *ALL*.

I SHALL LET THE TEST OF POWER DECIDE WHICH OF YOU IS MOST SUITABLE FOR THE TASK.

THERE IS ONE WHO WOULD CROWN HIMSELF THE NEW RULER OF THE COSMOS. HE MAKES HIS BID AS WE SPEAK...

FATHER...

YOU WILL BE THE SHINIGAMI OF THE NEXT GENERA-TION.

KID-KUN! I WILL BE RETURNING YOU TO THE PAGES OF MY BOOK.

KURURIN (TWIST)

ANYHOW... I THINK IT IS TIME I BROUGHT THIS TO AN END.

GOGOGOGO (RRRRUMBLE)

IF YOU ARE DETERMINED TO RESIST, THEN I WILL SIMPLY HAVE TO MAKE YOU MORE COMPLIANT BY KILLING YOU. I AM AFRAID I HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE.

I REQUIRE YOUR SERVICES! HORROR DRAGON!

GURA (WOBBLE)

...!!

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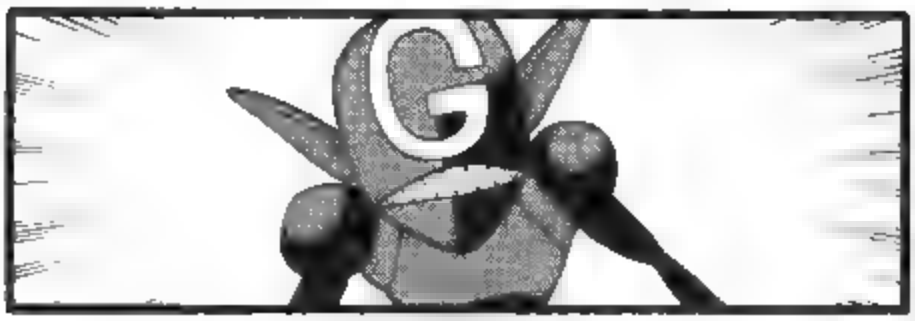

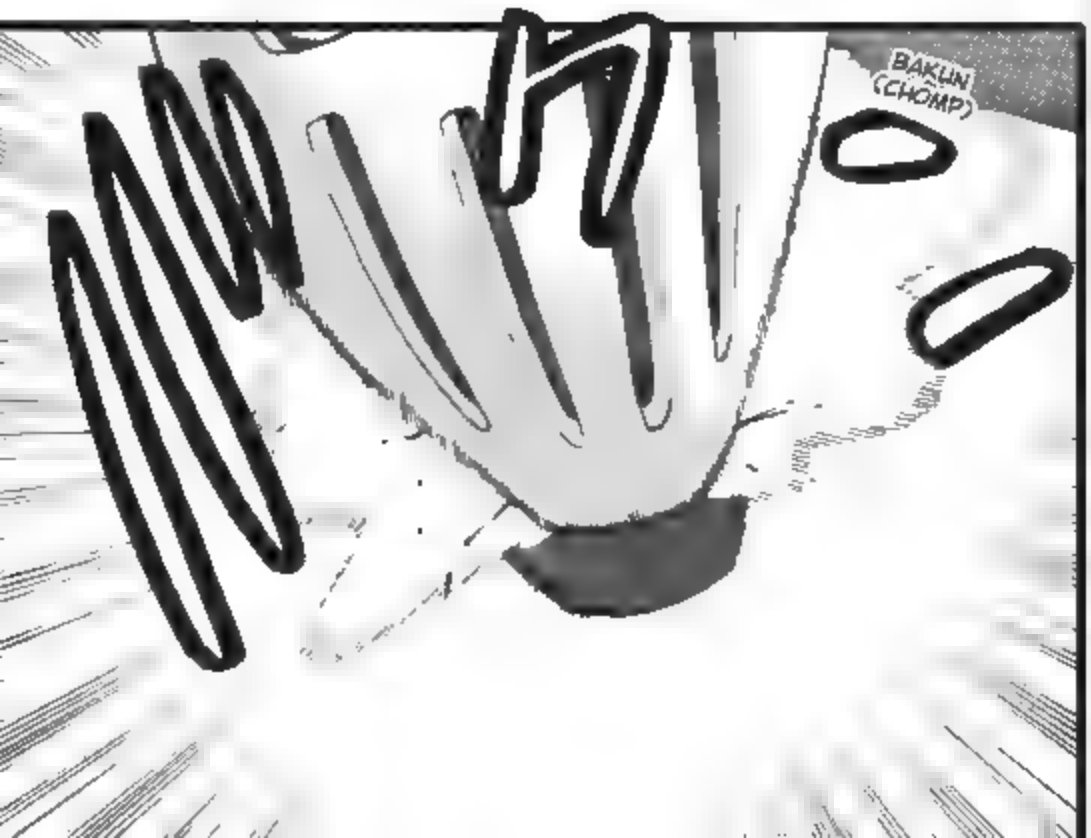

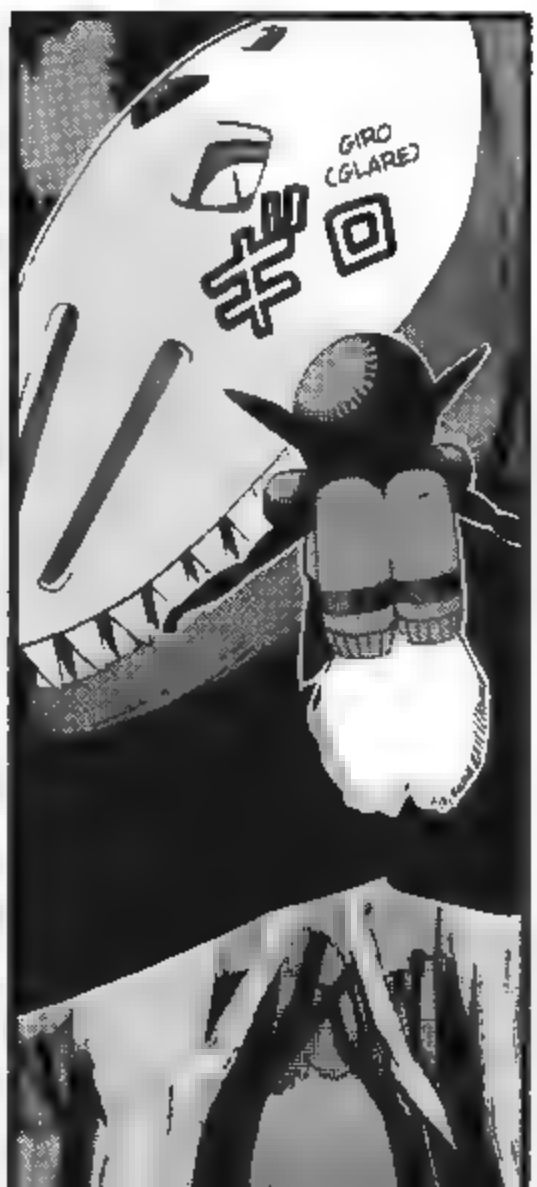

MOKO (KRNCH)

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MOKO

ANOTHER GRAVE-STONE POPPED UP ON ITS BACK!

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DOSU (WHOOMP)

GREMLIN

GIVE IT TO ME... GIVE IT TO ME NOW... I WANT IT... EVERYTHING IN THIS WORLD IS MINE. I WILL OBTAIN IT ALL, AND I WILL BE THE NEW RULER OF ALL.

I WILL REPLACE THE GODS.

I AM A SHINI-GAMI— A REAL GOD.

?

YOU WILL BE THE SHINIGAMI OF THE NEXT GEN-ERATION.

THERE IS ONE WHO WOULD CROWN HIMSELF THE NEW RULER OF THE COSMOS. HE MAKES HIS BID AS WE SPEAK...

I SHALL LET THE TEST OF POWER DECIDE WHICH OF YOU S MOST SUITABLE FOR THE TASK

AND I DEEM YOUR MANNER OF RULING TO BE WRONG, NOAH!!

HOW CAN THERE POSSIBLY BE ANY AESTHETIC IN "EVERYTHING"?! THERE CAN BE NO BEAUTY IN AN AESTHETIC WITHOUT VALUES!!

HOW IS THAT ANY DIFFERENT FROM THE "TRANS-SYMMETRICAL UNITY" I LANDED UPON IN THE THROES OF MADNESS!?

"EVERY-THING IN THE WORLD"? YOU LITERALLY MEAN EVERY LAST THING!?

WITH WORDS THAT SURPASS HUMAN UNDER-STANDING ..

...HE'S A REAL GOD, ALL RIGHT...

YOU ARE NOT SUITABLE FOR THE TASK OF RULER!!

IT'S ABOUT BALANCE— A BEAUTIFUL BALANCE LIKE PERFECT SYMMETRY.

I'LL SHOW YOU A WAY OF RULING THAT IS BURSTING WITH BEAUTY!

IF YOU SURVIVE THIS, THAT IS.

NOW I MUST BEG FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE MOVING FORWARD.

I WANT TO THANK YOU BOTH FOR STAYING WITH ME ALL THIS TIME.

LIZ, PATTY...

ピキ
PIKI (TWINGE)

YEAH, NO KIDDING.

WH-WHAT THE HECK, KID? WHY SO FORMAL ALL OF A SUDDEN?

WE HAVE QUITE THE POWERFUL ENEMY TO FACE THIS TIME.

I'M GOING TO NEED EVERYONE'S STRENGTH BEHIND ME...

AND THE REST OF YOU TOO.

PROFES-SORS, I WANT YOU TO WATCH THIS.

OOOOOO (WHOOOO)

LET'S GO.

DON (THOOM)

BUN (WHOOSH)

ZU (SHANK)

SAN (WHAM)

ZAZAZA (SKID)

!

BLAM (VWOOMP)

DO

DO

DO (WOP)

DO

THIS THING'S BIG...

DON

DON
(SWOOM)

GOBA
(GAPE)

GOSU
(SLASH)

フッ

DODO (THOOM)

NO MATTER HOW BEAT UP I AM, I'LL ALWAYS HAVE STRENGTH ENOUGH TO DEFEND MY KITTY.

TA (TMP)

THANK YOU, MAKA...

SOUL RESO-NANCE.

LIZ, PATTY.

GOU (VWOOOM)

EXECUTION MODE... ACQUIRED.

UNCONNECTION

01.LINE

UNCONNECTION

Connecting wave-length circuits...

CONNECTING

All clear.

WHAT'S THIS WAVE-LENGTH ...!?

Resonance rate, stable. Noise, 2.8%.

SOME-THING I WON'T BE NEEDING FROM NOW ON.

Coffin Construc-tion.

RAA AAA A

Initiating rotation.

VOOOO VWOOOOM

Lines of Sanzu one and two, connected.

PAK (CRACK)

SHINI-GAMI-SAMA ...!!

WELL, I CAN'T COAST THROUGH LIFE ON FATHER'S COATTAILS FOREVER...

Seven Rays, charging complete.

(VWOOOOO)

MY FIRST AND LAST CERTAIN-KILL ATTACK!!

Coffin Release!

GASHUN (GASHOONK)

PARENT'S
SEVEN
RAYS

IT'S OVER, NOAH.

I WILL TAKE EVERY-THING!

HA-HA-HA-HA-HA!! I WILL TAKE THIS LIGHT TOO!

GO AHEAD, TAKE IT. THIS IS THE LIGHT OF A REAL GOD.

IT IS ALL MINE.

DO (BWOOM)

KOOOOO (FWOOO)

NOAH'S SOUL RESPONSE HAS COMPLETELY VANISHED ...

WE DID IT...

TOSA
(THMP)

SO NOAH IS DEAD...

THEY'VE RESCUED KID...

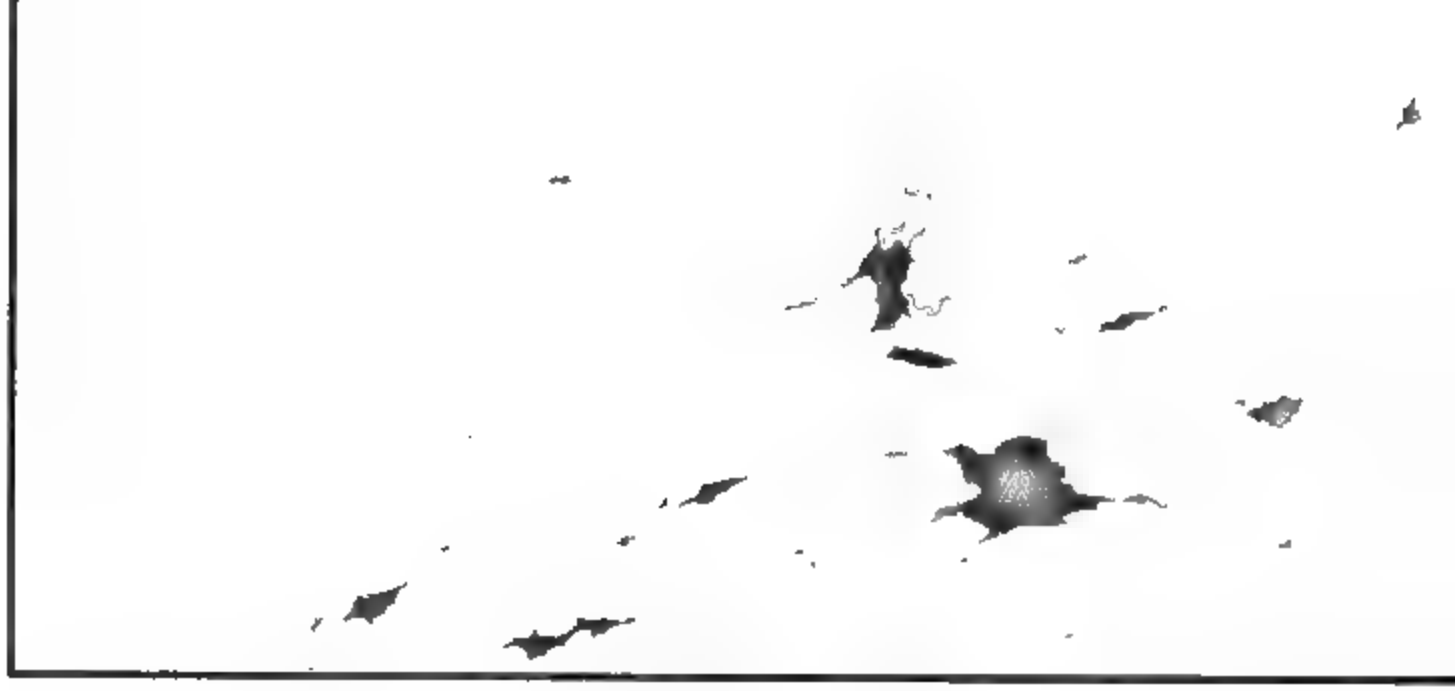
...AND IT LOOKS LIKE NOAH IS FINISHED.

BO (FWOOM)

!

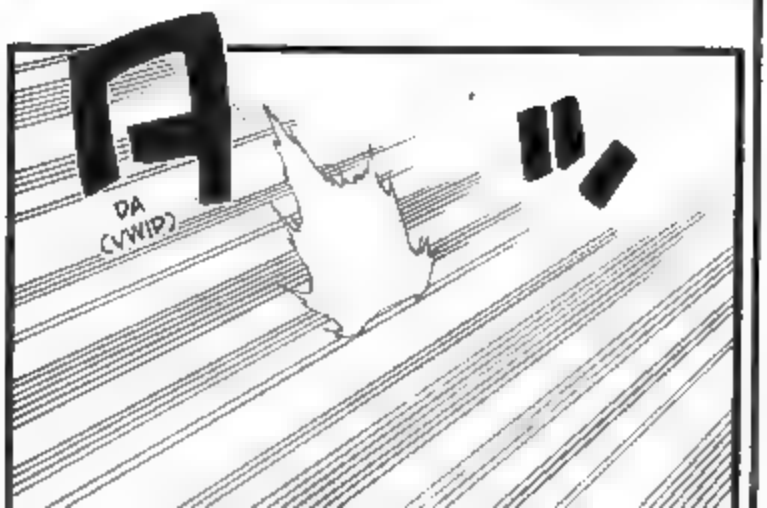
WEL-COME BACK, KID.

THE COPY OF THE BOOK OF EIBON... IT'S... BURNING UP...!



THE BOOK ...!

IT...IT CAN'T BE... NOAH-SAMA...


DA (VWIP)

ZAZAZA (SKID)

BA (FWIP)

THIS BOOK IS THE BOOK OF EIBON...AND IT BELONGS TO NOAH-SAMA!

YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS...I PROMISE YOU THAT!!

YOU...!

YOU!

WAIT !!

BASA (FWAP)

ズキ

ZUKI (STING)

...GH

"BREW" WAS STILL INSIDE THAT BOOK...

HFF!

HFF!

THE SHAPE YOU'RE IN, HE'LL WIPE THE FLOOR WITH US.

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SHINIGAMI-SAMA...?

DID YOU HEAR? WORD IS JUSTIN-KUN FOUND OUT WHERE THE KISHIN'S BEEN HIDING.

WELL, HOW ABOUT THAT...? LOOKS LIKE TWO OF KID'S LINES OF SANZU CONNECTED THIS TIME.

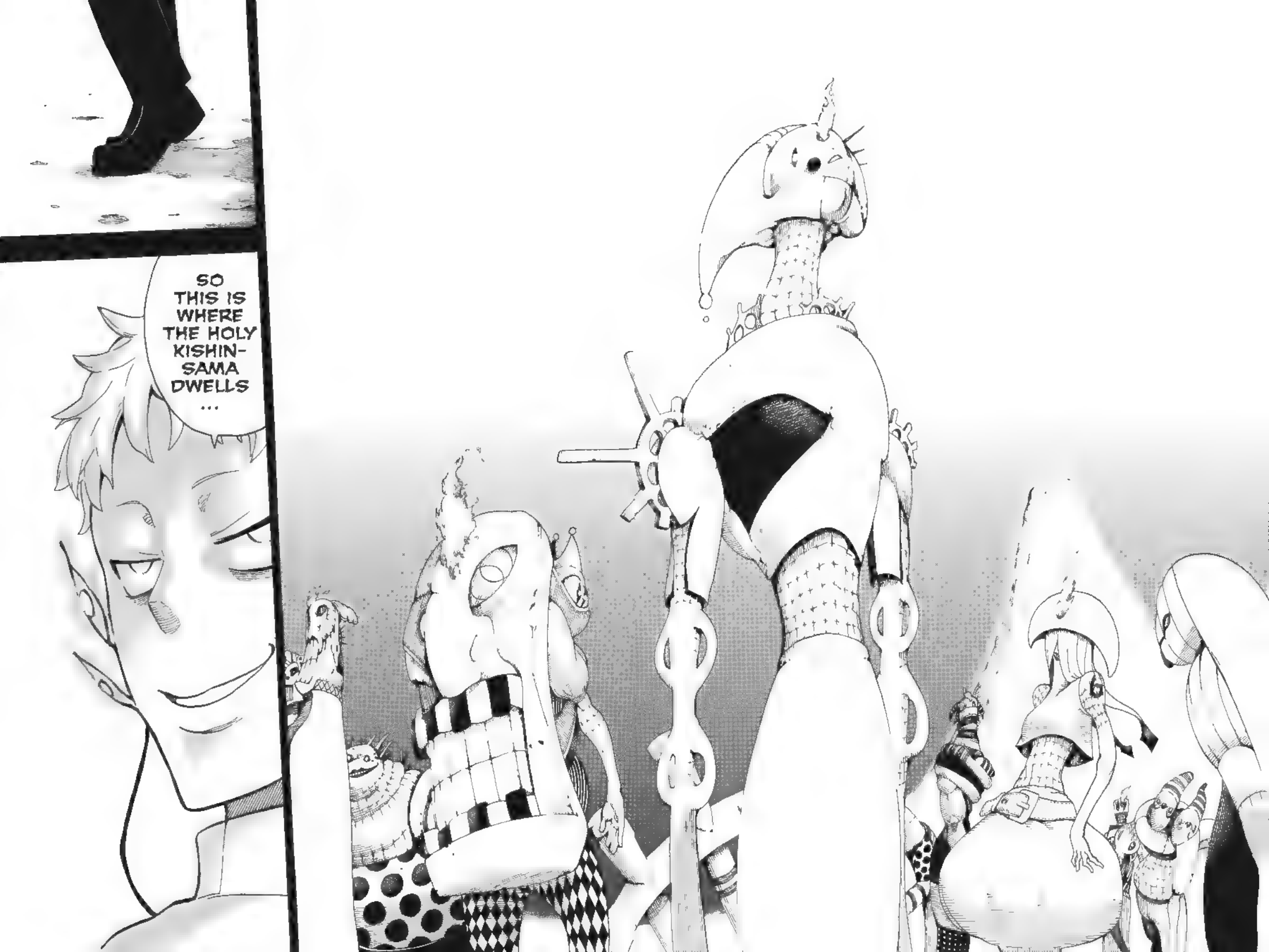
.....

SO IT SEEMS.

PORO (CRUMBLE)

IF ONLY WE KNEW WHERE HE WAS...

ASURA


SO THIS IS WHERE THE HOLY KISHIN-SAMA DWELLS ...

OHH...
O LORD, MY GOD...

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HE USED THE POWER OF GREED...

...TO OBTAIN "BREW."

IN THE END, NOAH DID PERFORM THE TASK THAT WAS SET OUT FOR HIM.

DWMA'S ELITE SPARTOI UNIT MAY HAVE DEFEATED THE SORCERER, NOAH...

...BUT NOT ME. I AM NOT LIKE HIM. I WANT TO TEACH OTHERS.

EIBON-SAMA SEALED HIMSELF AWAY...

...BUT THE WORLD REMAINS ON THE BRINK OF BEING CONSUMED BY MADNESS

...I DON'T BELIEVE THAT FOR A MINUTE.

I DIDN'T KNOW TEZCA-SAN WELL, BUT...

CRONA HAS RESURFACED IN MOSCOW, CLAD IN A NEW FORM OF MADNESS!!

HE WILL GO HEAD-TO-HEAD AGAINST A DEATH WEAPON WITH AN ANTI-DEMON WAVELENGTH

(DONN (FWOOM)

IT'S ANTI-DEMON WAVELENGTH VS. THE MADNESS OF THE BLACK BLOOD!!

FULL FORCE!!

ANTI-DEMON WAVE-LENGTH!

WHO WILL WIN...!?

PERFECTION ACHIEVED THROUGH UNITY... I GUESS THERE IS SOMETHING TO THIS "WEAPON AND MEISTER" BUSINESS.

HOW-EVER—

IMPRESSIVE. . THE ATTACK COMBINES THE PHYSICAL PROW-ESS OF THE MEISTER WITH THE ANTI-DEMON WAVELENGTH OF THE DEATH WEAPON.

IN THE GRIP OF MADNESS, WHERE WILL CRONA TURN NEXT...?

CRONA... WHY...?

WILL THE INFLUENCE OF CRONA'S BLACK BLOOD EXTEND EVEN FURTHER...?

COULD SOUL BE THE NEXT TO SUCCUMB IN AN UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENT...!!?

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GYAA-AAAA-AAAA !!!!!!
KA (FLASH)
EVERY-BODY RUN !!!!!!
A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE ARE CHASED BY MURDERERS .....
THIS IS ATSUSHI-YA.....
DON (KABOOM)

Translation Notes

Common Honorifics

no honorific: Indicates familiarity or closeness; if used without permission or reason, addressing someone in this manner would constitute an insult.

-san: The Japanese equivalent of Mr./Mrs./Miss. If a situation calls for politeness, this is the fail-safe honorific.

-sama: Conveys great respect; may also indicate that the social status of the speaker is lower than that of the addressee.

-kun: Used most often when referring to boys, this indicates affection or familiarity. Occasionally used by older men among their peers, but it may also be used by anyone referring to a person of lower standing.

-chan: An affectionate honorific indicating familiarity used mostly in reference to girls; also used in reference to cute persons or animals of either gender.

-senpai: A suffix used to address upperclassmen or more experienced coworkers.

-sensei: A respectful term for teachers, artists, or high-level professionals.

Page 66
Liz and Patty were known as the **Brooklyn Devils** during their time as petty criminals on the streets of New York, but the South Brooklyn Devils were an actual greaser gang from South Brooklyn in the 1950s. Their members were eventually incorporated into the infamous South Brooklyn Boys, a primarily Italian-American gang that is still active today.

Page 89
The Japanese idiom used here (translated **"might is right"**) is *kateba kangun, makereba zokugun* ("If you win, you're the government army; if you lose, you're the rebel army"). The meaning is very close to that of the English aphorism "might is right"—whoever has the most power exerts it to create the government they desire.

Page 105
"Pig in a cage on antibiotics" is taken from the Radiohead song "Fitter Happier" (*OK Computer*, 1997). The song mocks the sanitized lifestyles, sanctimonious corporatism, and ad-slogan-driven social values of modern consumerist society, bitingly summing up first-world middle-class existence as that of doped pigs in cages.

Page 107
A **manticore** is a mythical Persian beast somewhat akin to a sphinx. It is said to possess the head of a human, the body of a lion, and the tail of a scorpion.

"I choose you!!" This giggle-inducing line is a direct reference to the title of the very first episode of the very first season of the long-running TV anime and worldwide cultural phenomenon—Pokémon. In Japanese the episode title is "Pokémon, Kimi ni Kimeta!" (Pokémon, I Choose You!)

Page 129
The characters used to spell the name of the **Siren** literally mean "Reef of Temptation," a reference to the Sirens of classical Greek mythology who sang to passing ships in order to lure sailors to their deaths on the craggy reefs.

Page 138
The dog-beast **Orthrus** is another mythical Greek monster. The original legend describes a two-headed demon dog akin to Cerberus that was slain by Hercules as part of his tenth labor. (Orthrus was guarding the red cattle of Geryon, which Hercules needed, so Hercules clubbed it on the head and killed it.)

Page 139
The one-eyed giant **Cyclops** is yet another mythical Greek monster. The race of cyclopes was feared even by the gods for their sheer brute strength and pigheaded stubbornness.

Page 148
The **Horror Dragon** is so named because each of its three heads is themed with a famous horror-film villain (from left to right): Freddy Krueger (*A Nightmare on Elm Street*), Leatherface (*The Texas Chain Saw Massacre*), and Jason Vorhees (*Friday the 13th*).

Page 165
The origin of the name **"Line of Sanzu"** comes from Japanese Buddhist mythology. The Sanzu River (literally, "river of three crossings") is said to separate the land of the living from the land of the dead, playing a role similar to that of the River Styx in beliefs about the afterlife. According to the myth, a person's soul crosses in one of three ways depending on the weight of their sins (i.e., their karma): the good cross over a bridge, the neither good nor bad cross through the shallows, and the bad cross through deep waters where vicious snakes swim.

Pages 166–167
In Japanese there is a direct and obvious linguistic connection between the name of Kid's **Parent's Seven Rays** attack and this line about his **Father's coattails**. The phrase *chichiue no nanahikari* (literally, "Father's seven lights") means to enjoy undeserved privileges due to one's father's influence.

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